

FOI 0216/2021 Response

1. How many memory assessment clinics does the trust run, or is dementia primarily diagnosed by GPs?

Due to Covid-19 and the unprecedented demands on the Trust, we have adjusted our ways of working, this means that most of the assessments for the Memory Assessment Service (MAS) are currently completed face to face at an individual's home or via video or telephone communication.

However, please note that some MAS clinics have slowly restarted in the past two months.

There are three clinics back up and running, which are 5 full day clinics in the East of Birmingham, 2 full day clinics in the West of Birmingham and 5 full day clinics in the North of Birmingham.

Currently, the Trust is awaiting identified spaces to reopen clinics in the area of Solihull and South of Birmingham.

However, most individuals currently on the waiting list are wary about attending clinics and therefore the Trust are continuing home face to face visits as they feel safer in their own environment.

Please note that GPs primarily refer patients to the MAS and Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) to complete memory assessments.

2. What is the total average throughput per annum for all clinics? Amalgamated or by individual clinic

***Clarification sought from Requester to clarify what they mean by "total average throughput per annum for all clinics.**

Requester has confirmed that they would like to know the approximate total number of people seen by memory services per annum.

Number of distinct referrals seen by MAS per year

Year	Total
2016	2611
2017	2258
2018	2105
2019	2260
2020	1662

Average number of distinct referrals seen per year: 2179

3. What cognitive tests are used, and how are the tests administered?

The main cognitive test used by the Service is the ACE III. It is generally administered at face-to-face appointments.

However, we do use a remote version if a video assessment is carried out with a patient.

In addition to this, the Trust also use a locally developed test called the Simple Cog Test, which is used in a face-to-face appointment for patients with more significant cognitive impairment, or with patients whose first language is not English.

Furthermore, the Trust has developed a Telephone Cognitive Screening Test when carrying out a telephone assessment.

If further testing is required, then a neuropsychological assessment will be carried out with the patient. These tests are all administered face-to-face and include tests such as RBANS, Hayling & Brixton, WMS-IV, TOPF/WTAR, DKFES, VOSP & BADS.