## **FOI 086\_2021 Request**

Dear Freedom of information department,

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you kindly send me:

- 1. What is the current waiting time for an ADHD assessment for
  - a. Children
  - b. Adolescents
  - c. Adults
- 2. What is the current number of referrals for assessment/treatment of:
  - a. Alcohol dependence
  - b. Cocaine dependence
  - c. Cannabis dependence
  - d. Problematic gambling

- For question 2 is the requester querying numbers of referrals or numbers of assessments
- The time period you would like the data from?

The Requester has confirmed that they would like referral and assessment data from 2019- Current.

<sup>\*</sup>Requester was contacted for the following clarification:

## Response

1.	What is the current waiting time for an ADHD assessment for
	a. Children

N/A

**b.** Adolescents

N/A

c. Adults

Median = 38 weeks

Mean = 47 weeks

Please note that the methodology used to obtain this data is to count the weeks waited from a referral to the ADHD service to current date for all open ADHD referrals that have not been seen.

## 2. What is the current number of referrals for assessment/treatment of:

a. Alcohol dependence

Referral = 1435

Assessments = 996

b. Cocaine dependence

Referral = 403

Assessments = 264

c. Cannabis dependence

Referral = 423

Assessments = 321

d. Problematic gambling

Referral = 22

Assessments = 15

Please note for the data provided above the following:

- Primary Problem Substance is often collected at Assessment, so there will be a number of patients referred, who were not assessed, for whom we do not know their problem substance.
- The Trust have not applied any criteria based on the amount of the substance used, just whether it is the primary problem substance.
- For some crack dependency referrals, the assessments may state that the primary drug use is crack however, this might be misleading as there would be many opiate users that use cocaine problematically but would state opiate as the primary drug but in reality, both are primary.
- The Trust is one of four partners jointly responsible for the delivery of drug and alcohol services for Solihull residents through Solihull Integrated Addiction Service (SIAS). Our partners in Solihull are Aquarius, Welcome and Changes UK.
- For data on drug and alcohol services in Wolverhampton Recovery Near You service, please redirect your request to Aquarius.