

FOI 0112/2022 Response

Background Information

Under 18 years

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Barnardo's and Autism West Midlands work together to provide emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people in Solihull within our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. This service is called Solar.

Solar provides multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment of children and young people with mental health or severe emotional and behavioural difficulties, irrespective of whether they have or are suspected to have ADHD. However, Solar is not commissioned to provide an ADHD service.

Children and young people are eligible for the service until their 19th birthday if they are residents in the borough of Solihull, go to school or college in the Solihull area, or have a Solihull GP.

For information on children and young people in receipt of CAMHS services in Birmingham, please redirect your request to Forward Thinking Birmingham Service which is hosted by Birmingham Women's and Children's Trust.

Over 18 years

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust is commissioned to provide a community ADHD Service for adults which provides assessment, diagnostic and prescribing services.

1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.

We cannot accurately provide a response to this question as the Service is not commissioned to provide ADHD diagnoses.

However, if a CYP has an existing diagnosis or obtains one externally with the support of Solar, this would be put on the CYPs clinical records from which we have obtained responses for Q3.

We can not use diagnoses timestamps on our clinical record systems to calculate time to diagnosis as these diagnoses may pre-exist their referral with our Service.

2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.

We cannot accurately provide a response to this question as the specialised adult ADHD Service may receive referrals for people with an existing diagnosis.

When a diagnosis is entered onto our clinical systems we can not discern the difference between those newly diagnosed from those whose records were updated with pre-existing information.

As such, we can not use diagnoses timestamps on our clinical record systems to calculate time to diagnosis as these diagnoses may pre-exist their referral with our Service.

3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis over the last 5 years broken down by gender.

****NOTE**** people open to all community services with an active ADHD diagnosis in calendar year grouped by whether they are 18 or over on the first day of that calendar year

Year	Female	Male
2018	6	56
2019	5	44
2020	5	38
2021	10	49
2022	8	39

4. The number of adults (18 years or over) with an ADHD diagnosis over the last 5 years broken down by gender.

****NOTE**** people open to all community services with an active ADHD diagnosis in calendar year grouped by whether they are 18 or over on the first day of that calendar year

Year	Female	Male
2018	46	115
2019	44	108
2020	56	117
2021	66	112
2022	65	118

5. How many adult assessments were done each year over the last 5 years by gender.

****NOTE**** adult assessment taken as assessment date for referral to adult ADHD Service

Year	Female	Male	Non binary	Unknown
2018	106	215	1	
2019	61	130		1
2020	40	68		
2021	165	258		
2022	261	306	2	

6. How many children assessments were done each year over the last 5 years by gender.

Please see response to Qs 1. We are not commissioned to provide ADHD diagnostic assessments within Solar and as such do not accept referrals where this is the primary reason for referral.

7. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

****NOTE**** Q7 is a subset of Q5 (i.e. of those assessments carried out in each year, the number of those rejected)

Year	Female	Male	Non binary
2018	8	10	
2019	8	9	
2020	6	15	
2021	36	38	
2022	92	74	1

8. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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9. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

For patients who died by suicide over the last 5 years, none of them had an active ADHD diagnosis at time of death.

10. In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

For patients who died by suicide over the last 5 years, none of them had an active ADHD diagnosis at time of death.

11. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

For patients who died by suicide over the last 5 years, none of them were waiting for an assessment with the adult ADHD service at time of suicide.

12. In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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