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NN-ICB/25-1326

Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 19 September 2025, regarding autism and ADHD services. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we partially hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Please confirm whether the ICB is setting Indicative Activity Plans (IAP) for Autism and/or ADHD providers for 2025/26?

Service	Indicative Activity Plan in Place
CYP providers of autism and ADHD pre/post-assessment support services	Yes
CYP autism and ADHD assessment services	No
Providers available for autism or ADHD referrals under NHS patient choice (also known as Right To Choose)	No
Adults autism and ADHD Service	No

- 2. Please confirm whether the ICB has undertaken the following in relation to IAPs for Autism and/or ADHD services, and where it has, provide copies of these documents:
 - (a) Quality Impact Assessment

No.

(b) Analysis of Demand, Capacity and Impact on Waiting Times

No.

- 3. Please confirm whether the ICB has created the following for Autism and/or ADHD services, and where it has, provide a copy of these documents:
 - (a) Prioritisation criteria that providers are instructed to use in relation to IAPs

No.

(b) Communications to GPs advising them of any impact of IAPs

No.

(c) Communications to patients advising them of any impact of IAPs

No.

- 4. Please confirm whether the ICB holds any data about the number of people it is responsible for that are waiting for Autism and/or Autism assessment, and where it does please provide the number of people in the following categories:
 - (a) under 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - (b) under 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - (c) under 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment

The ICB does not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this and how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their website links below:

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust <u>Freedom of Information | Sherwood Forest</u> Hospitals
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/.
- (d) over 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
- 2,366.
- (e) over 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
- 4,971.
- (f) over 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment.

The ICB does not hold this information; this information is not recorded.

- 5. Please confirm whether the ICB holds data on the average waiting times for Autism and/or ADHD assessment, and where it does please provide the latest average waiting time data the ICB holds for the following categories:
 - (a) under 18 waiting for Autism Assessment
 - (b) under 18 waiting for ADHD assessment
 - (c) under 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment

The ICB does not hold data on the average waiting times. This is due to the length of time that some children and young people will have been under care before an assessment for autism or ADHD is identified, so a median waiting time is used by assessment providers in reporting to better account for this.

(d) over 18 waiting for Autism Assessment

The average waiting times for assessment within the autism pathway is 119 weeks.

(e) over 18 waiting for ADHD assessment

The average waiting times for assessment within the ADHD pathway is 84.2 weeks.

(f) over 18 waiting for combined Autism/ADHD assessment

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If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Director of Corporate Affairs via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via https://ico.org.uk/concerns/.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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