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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 22 January 2026, regarding adult ASD ADHD. 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. However, please note that some of the information you requested has been withheld.

**Please find below our response to your request:**

1. How many adult ASD assessments were completed by the core provider in 2025?

This information is not currently held by the ICB in recorded form. Changes to provider reporting requirements are being implemented, and enhanced activity reporting will commence from Quarter 1, 2026 onwards.

2. How many adult ASD assessments were outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025?

The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ASD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.

3. How many adult ASD assessments were completed under Patient Choice in 2025?

Please note that a Section 12 (Cost Limit Exemption) has been applied to Question 3.

The ICB does hold financial and invoicing data relating to Patient Choice activity, including neurodevelopmental services. However, ASD assessment activity is not itemised separately within the invoicing data and is instead grouped with other services, including ADHD assessments, follow-up activity, and medication reviews.

To identify and extract the specific number of adult ASD assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025, staff would be required to manually review and analyse each individual invoice line.

For example, during 2024/25, we estimate that approximately 3,660 invoice lines would need to be reviewed. At a conservative estimate of 20 seconds per invoice line, this would equate to just over 20 hours of staff time.

Under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, the appropriate cost limit for NHS bodies is £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time at £25 per hour. As the estimated time required to comply with this request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the ICB is refusing to provide this information under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Advice and Assistance – Section 16 FOIA

In accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB can offer advice and assistance to help you refine your request. It may be possible to provide data for a shorter time period, which may fall within the appropriate cost limit.

4. Of the assessments completed by the core provider in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?

This information is not held by the ICB.

5. If the assessments outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?

The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ASD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.

6. Of the assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?

This information is not held by the ICB.

7. Of the assessments outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025, how many were rejected or had to be repeated by the core provider?

The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ASD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.

8. Of the assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025, how many were rejected or had to be repeated by the core provider?

This information is not held by the ICB.

9. How many adult ADHD assessments were completed by the core provider in 2025?

This information is not currently held by the ICB in recorded form. Changes to provider reporting requirements are being implemented, and enhanced activity reporting will commence from Quarter 1, 2026 onwards.

10. How many adult ADHD assessments were outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025?

The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ADHD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.

11. How many adult ADHD assessments were completed under Patient Choice in 2025?

Please note that a Section 12 (Cost Limit Exemption) has been applied to question 11.

The ICB's invoicing data does not itemise ADHD assessments separately from other neurodevelopmental services, including ASD assessments, follow-ups, and medication reviews.

For the same reasons outlined in our response to Question 3, identifying and extracting the specific number of ADHD assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025 would require manual review of individual invoice lines, exceeding the statutory cost limit. The ICB therefore refuses to provide this information under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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12. Of the assessments completed by the core provider in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?  
This information is not held by the ICB.
13. Of the assessments outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?  
The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ADHD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.
14. Of the assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025, how many were given a diagnosis of ASD?  
This information is not held by the ICB.
15. Of the assessments outsourced to an independent provider in block in 2025, how many were rejected or had to be repeated by the core provider?  
The ICB does not hold this information, as adult ADHD assessments are not outsourced to independent providers under block contract arrangements.
16. Of the assessments completed under Patient Choice in 2025, how many were rejected or had to be repeated by the core provider?  
This information is not held by the ICB.

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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/>.

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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

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