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Date Received: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Response Due: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information regarding assessments for potential ADHD and Autistic patients conducted by your hospital between the years 2020 and 2024:**

**1. The total number of ADHD assessments performed during this period.**

The Trust is unable to provide this information as clinics are all classed as Community Paediatrics, and we are unable to differentiate between the appointment type. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**2. The number of these assessments that resulted in a successful diagnosis of ADHD.**

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**3. A breakdown of these figures by gender (e.g., male, female, and any other recorded categories).**

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case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**4. The total number of Autism assessments performed during this period.**

2020 = N/A  
2021 = N/A  
2022 = N/A  
2023 = N/A  
2024 = 530

\*Due to the way the data was captured prior to 2024, the Trust is unable to supply the number of Autism assessments completed earlier than 2024.

**5. The number of these assessments that resulted in a successful diagnosis of Autism.**

The Trust is unable to collate the number of positive diagnoses for Autism as this data has not historically been recorded in the system. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**6. A breakdown of these figures by gender (e.g., male, female, and any other recorded categories).**

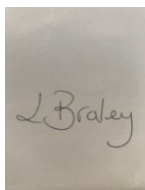
2020 = N/A  
2021 = N/A  
2022 = N/A  
2023 = N/A  
2024 = 214 Females and 316 Males.

\*The breakdown is for those figures in Question 4.

**If possible, I would appreciate the data being presented in an annual breakdown for each year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024).**

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to be 'L. Braley'.

Lynne Braley  
Divisional Director of Operations and Performance - Community Services Division

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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