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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3639-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 08/11/2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) ASD (autism spectrum disorder) and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) assessments / diagnoses in your ICB area for both adults and CYP (children and young people)?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b><u>Adult Services</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Modality (ADHD)</b></li></ul> <p><b><u>Transition from Young People to Adults</u></b></p> <p><b>Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust (LSCFT) (age 16+)</b> <b>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust (ELHT) (16-18)</b> <b>Clinical Partners</b></p> <p><b><u>Children Services</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (BTH) (CAMHS)</b></li><li>• <b>ELHT (CAMHS)</b></li><li>• <b>ELHT (Paediatrics)</b></li><li>• <b>Leeds teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) (Paediatrics 0-16)</b></li><li>• <b>LSCFT (CAMHS)</b></li></ul>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end along with any extension clauses included in the contract?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Modality (ADHD)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>LSCFT (age 16+)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (16-18)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>Clinical Partners</b>  <b>Contract Term: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b></p> <p><b>Blackpool Teaching Hospital (CAMHS)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (CAMHS)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (Paediatrics)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>LTHT (Paediatrics 0-16)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p> <p><b>LSCFT (CAMHS)</b>  <b>Contract term: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b></p>
Q3	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP / RTC contracting?</p> <hr/> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Modality (ADHD)- Activity based</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (16-18)- Block</b></p> <p><b>Clinical Partners- Activity based</b></p> <p><b>Blackpool Teaching Hospital (CAMHS)- Block</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (CAMHS)- Block</b></p> <p><b>ELHT (Paediatrics)- Block</b></p> <p><b>LTHT (Paediatrics 0-16)- Block</b></p> <p><b>LSCFT (CAMHS)- Block</b></p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Does the service, sub-contractor or Right to Choose provider provide assessment / diagnosis only or post-diagnosis treatment also, and whether this is through coaching/counselling and/or pharmaceutical treatment?</p>

	<p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Modality (ADHD)</b> Includes post-diagnosis treatment – pharmaceutical treatment</p> <p><b>LSCFT (age 16+)</b> Includes post-diagnosis treatment – pharmaceutical treatment</p> <p><b>ELHT (16-18)</b> Includes post-diagnosis treatment – pharmaceutical treatment</p> <p><b>Clinical Partners</b> <b>Adult Autism Interim Diagnostic Service</b></p> <p><b>Blackpool Teaching Hospital (CAMHS)</b> Includes post-diagnosis treatment – pharmaceutical treatment</p> <p><b>ELHT (CAMHS)</b> Includes post-diagnosis treatment – pharmaceutical treatment</p> <p><b>ELHT (Paediatrics)</b> <b>Diagnostic Assessments</b></p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Where post-diagnosis treatment is provided by the service, sub-contractor or Right to Choose provider, please outline what treatment is offered and the spend for 2023-24 and for the last 5 years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>For Adult ASD diagnosis (except Blackpool) no post-diagnosis treatment is commissioned within LSC. The only pre and post-diagnosis support offer is commissioned via an online portal Autism Unlocked. The adult autism diagnosis includes a post-diagnosis element, but this would need to be requested from the Blackpool service.</b></p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the annual and forecasted spend for this service for 2023-24, and for the last 5 years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Modality (Adult ADHD)</b> <b>July 22 to March 23- £1,134,000</b></li> <li>• <b>FOT (Forecast out-turn)</b> <b>2023/24- £1,512,616</b></li> </ul>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many assessments have been carried out by the service provider / contract holder and by any sub-contractors for 2023-24, along with any outstanding period forecasted and for the last 5 years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Modality (Adult ADHD)</b>  <b>July 22 – March 23 Assessments = 863</b>  <b>April 23 – October 23 Assessments = 798</b>  <b>FOT (Forecast out-turn) April 23 to March 24 Assessments = 1,368</b></li> </ul>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>There is no commissioned post diagnosis treatment service for adults.</b></p>
Q9	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If any of the organisation(s) subcontracts any ASD or ADHD Assessments, and if yes, the names of those subcontractor organisations, and the numerical quantity of ASD and ADHD Assessments undertaken by each subcontractor organisation along with the number of post diagnosis treatment provided?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The ICB do not hold this information, please contact the providers directly:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.modalitycommunityservices.com/contact">https://www.modalitycommunityservices.com/contact</a></p> <p><a href="https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information">https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information">https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/">https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information">https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information</a></p>
Q10	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>A list of Right to Choose providers used and whether this is for adults or children, young people or both</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Psychiatry UK (Right to choose Adult ADHD)</b></li> <li><b>Evolve Psychology Services (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b></li> <li><b>ADHD360 (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b></li> </ul>
Q11	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>The number of ASD and ADHD assessments undertaken by each Right to Choose provider including breakdown of adults and children &amp; young people numbers for 2023-24 and for the last 5 years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Psychiatry UK (Right to choose Adult ADHD)</b>  <b>July 22 – March 23 Assessments = 246</b>  <b>April 23 – October 2023 Assessments = 196</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FOT (Forecast outturn)</b> April 23 to March 24 Assessments = 336</li> <li>• <b>Evolve Psychology Services (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b> July 22 – March 23 Assessments = 5 April 23 – October 2023 Assessments = 3</li> <li>• <b>ADHD360 (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b> July 22 – March 23 Assessments = 4 April 23 – October 2023 Assessments = 3</li> </ul>
Q12	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>The annual spend and forecast on ASD and ADHD assessments undertaken by each Right to Choose provider including breakdown of adults and children &amp; young people for 2023-24 and for the last 5 years?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Psychiatry UK (Right to choose Adult ADHD)</b> July 22 – March 23 = £168,227 April 23 – October 2023 = £318,504</li> <li>• <b>Evolve Psychology Services (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b> July 22 – March £14,000 April 23 – October 2023 = £6,600</li> <li>• <b>ADHD360 (Right to choose Children’s ADHD)</b> July 22 – March 23 = £3,640 April 23 – October 2023 £3,000</li> </ul>
Q13	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>If information on Right to Choose is not held by yourselves, please advise why this is and who would hold this information, as to my knowledge all Right to Choose referrals data and costings are accountable by the ICB?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Right to Choose costs and data is held by the non-contracted activity team.</b></p>
Q14	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the current shortest, longest and average wait time from referral for ADHD and ASD assessments? Please break this down separately by ADHD and ASD, as well as by the different localities the ICB cover where applicable.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The current waiting time for an adult autism assessment is under 12 months.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Psychiatry UK (Right to Choose Adult ADHD) =</b> Shortest = 5 days Longest = 43 weeks Average = 20 weeks</li> <li>• <b>Modality (Contract Adult ADHD)</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Shortest = 1 days</b>  <b>Longest = 151</b>  <b>Average = 54 weeks</b></p>
Q15	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the current number of referred patients waiting for an ADHD and ASD assessment? Please break this down separately by ADHD and ASD, as well as by the different localities the ICB cover where applicable.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>There are currently 2,200 adults waiting for an autism assessment.</b></p> <p><b>Modality (Contract Adult ADHD = 8325)</b>  <b>Psychiatry UK (Right to Choose Adult ADHD) = 431</b></p>
Q16	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How many ADHD and ASD assessments have been carried out per month by the ICB for the 2023-24 period along with how many are forecasted to be completed for the remaining months of the 2023-24 period? Please break this down separately by ADHD and ASD, as well as by the different localities the ICB cover.</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for data.</b></p> <p><b>The number of Adult Autism assessments carried out in 2023/24 per month range from 161 to 252 per month. We currently have no forecast for completion, as we are progressing a case for additional investment.</b></p>
Q17	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What are the current ICB plans to reduce the waiting list times and patient numbers?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b>The ICB is in the early stages of preparing a business case to support a Neurodevelopmental (ND) pathway for CYP. If approved, this could streamline the diagnosis process. The adult Autism Assessment service will be recommissioned for 24/25.</b></p> <p><b>Children Services (ADHD)</b>  <b>A Task &amp; Finish Group has been established working with all providers to review current pathways, be sighted on data to assess capacity/demand and share learning. We do not currently hold data for all providers or in the format requested. Please contact the providers directly for any information relating to their current pathways or data:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.modalitycommunityservices.com/contact">https://www.modalitycommunityservices.com/contact</a></p> <p><a href="https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information">https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information">https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/">https://www.bfwh.nhs.uk/our-services/information-governance/freedom-of-information-f-o-i/</a></p>

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### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**