

Reference: FOI.ICY-2526/332

Subject: Provision of ADHD and Autism Diagnostic Assessment Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. NHS diagnostic assessment activity</p> <p>For each of the last three financial years, please provide the number of diagnostic assessments completed via NHS-commissioned services, separated into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adult ADHD – NHS assessments completed ii. Children and Young People (CYP) ADHD – NHS assessments completed iii. Adult Autism – NHS assessments completed iv. Children and Young People (CYP) Autism – NHS assessments completed 	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, and the requestor is advised to contact the providers directly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) NHS Trust for adult assessments: https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information • Sirona care and health for Children and Young People (CYP) assessments (0-18 years): Sirona.hello@nhs.net
<p>2. Right to Choose (RTC) diagnostic assessment activity</p> <p>For the same period, please provide the number of Right to Choose diagnostic assessments completed, separated into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adult ADHD – RTC assessments completed ii. CYP ADHD – RTC assessments completed iii. Adult Autism – RTC assessments completed 	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, and the requestor is advised to contact the provider directly:</p> <p>Clinical Partners: Contact us today Confidential help Clinical Partners</p>

iv. CYP Autism – RTC assessments completed	
<p>3. Waiting exposure for diagnostic assessment</p> <p>For each of the categories above, and for each of the last three financial years, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the number of people waiting for diagnostic assessment at year end ii. the longest recorded wait time <p>Separated into NHS and RTC pathways where these are recorded separately.</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, and the requestor is advised to contact the provider directly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) NHS Trust for adult assessments: https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information • Sirona care and health for Children and Young People (CYP) assessments (0-18 years): Sirona.hello@nhs.net • Clinical Partners: Contact us today Confidential help Clinical Partners
<p>4. Reliance on RTC due to NHS capacity</p> <p>Please confirm whether BNSSG ICB considers NHS diagnostic assessment capacity alone sufficient to meet demand for ADHD and autism assessment, or whether reliance on RTC is required due to insufficient NHS provision.</p>	<p>Please find below link to a Bristol HOSC (Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee) paper which highlights that capacity to assess outstrips demand of referrals. Noting that this paper is only relevant to Children.</p> <p>(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Sub-Committee of Public Health and Communities Policy Committee), 29/04/2025 17:00</p> <p>ADHD/ASD assessments are not only carried out by NHS providers. A significant number are carried out through independent providers under Right to Choose, which are also funded by the ICB. However, despite significant increased levels of investment in ADHD services, and increased investment in ASD assessment services, demand continues to exceed service availability. As such, the service models are not sufficient to meet local need. To respond to this the ICB has</p>

	prioritised the redesign of services to respond to increased demand in a sustainable way.
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 13 January 2026 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.