

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/053

Subject: Adult and Child ADHD Assessments

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Adult ADHD Assessments 1. How many adults do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment? 2. How many adults were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026). 3. If an adult was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen? 4. Please describe your current Adult ADHD Assessment pathway. 5. Do you have any indicative activity plans in place for Right to Choose ADHD Adult Assessment providers? 6. If yes, to the above, please outline each indicative activity plan (for Adult ADHD Assessment providers) that you have in place. Including the name of the provider and the activity plan they are to adhere to.	1. As of February 2026, there were 3993 adults waiting for an ADHD assessment with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) NHS Trust. For the quarter January to March 2026, there were 1498 adults waiting for an ADHD assessment with Clinical Partners. BNSSG ICB does not hold information on numbers of adults waiting for ADHD assessments with other independent sector (IS) providers where we do not hold a direct contract with them, e.g. those operating under Right to Choose (RTC). 2. The ICB does not hold this information for AWP or where an assessment was undertaken by an IS provider under RTC. The ICB does hold some information reported by Clinical Partners which shows 472 adults started ADHD assessments in the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. 3. The ICB does not hold this information, and the requester is advised to contact providers directly: https://www.awp.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information / NHS Right to Choose ADHD assessments for adults Clinical Partners The ICB does not hold information for IS providers delivering services under RTC. 4. Details of our current adult ADHD assessment pathway can be found here ADHD (adult) (Remedy BNSSG ICB) - this relates to

	referrals for AWP and Clinical Partners. Referrals to IS providers delivery services under RTC must be made by primary care, in line with the NHS Choice guidance How to access mental health services - NHS 5. Adult ADHD assessment providers in scope of Indicative Activity Plans (IAP) in 2026-27 are: • ADHD 360 • Atrom Mindcare • CARE ADHD • Clinical Partners • Dr J & Colleagues • Harrow Health CIC • Health Harmonie Minds • Problem Shared • Psicon • Psychiatry UK • RTN Medical • Skylight Psychiatry Ltd 6. In line with previous requests of this nature, recently FOI.ICB-2526/402: RTC Framework for Adult ADHD and Autism Assessments: The ICB has applied Section 43(2) to this question where further information regarding IAPs has been requested. Section 43(2) exempts from disclosure information which would, or would likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to the public interest test. The public interest arguments in favour of disclosing information include the ICB's responsibility
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	to be transparent and accountable in its decision making and to promote public understanding of processes. The ICB has considered that the expenditure and any variance within these is funded through public funds and therefore there is a public interest in how this money is spent and whether it constitute value for money. The ICB discharges its duty by monthly publishing of all spend over £25,000 and this is available on the ICB website: https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/library/icb-spend-over-25000-january-2026/ The public interest argument in favour of maintaining the exemption include direction from the finance team at the ICB that these IAPs underpin the basis of ICB contracts and therefore cannot be shared outside the ICB as these are commercially sensitive. Disclosure of these activity plans and the associated activity and financials would disadvantage the ICB when commissioning future contracts and IAPs. Pricing is often a critical factor in decision making for services. The ICB has a responsibility to secure the best use of public resources and provide value for money and to achieve this, the ICB needs to be able to develop IAPs without disclosure to ensure that confidential pricing information and activity is not disclosed. This information would give providers a commercial advantage. The ICB has considered both arguments and believes that maintaining the exemption is in the public's interest as it supports the ICB to commission services which are value for money.
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Child ADHD Assessments

7. How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment?
8. How many children were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026).
9. If a child was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen?
10. Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway.
11. Do you have any indicative activity plans in place for Right to Choose ADHD Child Assessment providers?
12. If yes, to the above, please outline each indicative activity plan (for Child ADHD Assessment providers) that you have in place. Including the name of the provider and the activity plan they are to adhere to.

7. As of February 2026, there were 2703 children waiting for an ADHD assessment from Sirona care and health CiC. This is the most recent data available. For the quarter January to March 2026, there were 1528 CYP (Children & Young People) waiting for an ADHD assessment with Clinical Partners. BNSSG ICB does not hold information on numbers of CYP waiting for ADHD assessments with other IS providers where we do not hold a direct contract with them, e.g. those operating under RTC.
8. The ICB does not hold this information. Please contact the provider directly hello.sirona@nhs.net The ICB does not hold information where an assessment was undertaken by an IS provider under RTC. The ICB does hold some information reported by Clinical Partners which shows 161 CYP started ADHD assessment in the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.
9. Latest average waiting times for Sirona can be found here: [Waiting times - Sirona care & health](#)
Cases are triaged on referral and those cases which are considered to have highest clinical need will be seen within 18 weeks.
For Clinical Partners, latest waiting times can be found here: <https://www.clinical-partners.co.uk/nhs-right-to-choose-assessments-and-medication/nhs-right-to-choose-adhd-assessments-for-children/>
The ICB does not hold information for IS providers delivering services under RTC.
10. Details of our current child ADHD Assessment pathway can be found here: [ADHD Care Pathway for school age children \(Remedy BNSSG ICB\)](#)
Referrals to IS delivery services under RTC must be made by primary care, in line with the NHS Choice guidance How to access mental health services - NHS

	11. CYP ADHD assessment providers in scope of IAPs in 2026-27 are: • ADHD 360 • CARE ADHD • Clinical Partners • Evolve Psychology • Health Harmonie Minds • Held Health • Psicon 12. Please refer to response to question 6.
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 23 June 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery, Acute and Integrated Care, MHLDA and EPRR and Jenny Bowker, Deputy Director of Performance Delivery, Primary Care and Children's Services for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.