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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

A) Do you use screening before referring individuals to be assessed for ADHD.

Definition being as per NHS:

- **Screening: a triage process, using standardised tools and/or agreed processes and carried out by experienced Liaison and Diversion practitioners.**
- **Assessment including specialist assessment: carried out by someone with a specific professional mandate, i.e. with requisite professional skills.**

Triage is carried out by Dr Ahmad, who is a consultant paediatrician with experience in community paediatrics and has been undertaking assessments for ADHD for several years. We use DSM V criteria and NICE guidance.

After the triage process is completed, the individuals will be assessed by the experienced Consultant for full history/examination and initiating the ADHD pathway to follow Nice/DSM V/Local pathway.

A2) If yes, when did you introduce screening?

2019

B) For the years 2018, 2019, 2020,2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year.

- i) Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.**
- ii) Number of individuals who received screening**
- iii) Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.**
- iv) Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.**

We do not record information to this level of detail.

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,



Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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