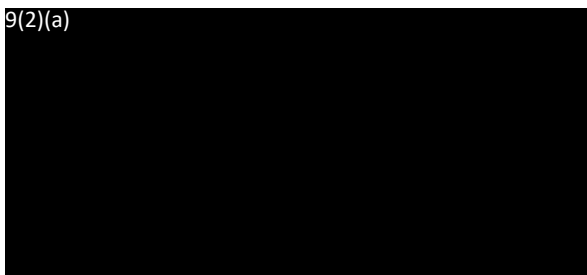


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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10833

I refer to your email dated 15 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. How many ADHD assessments have been undertaken in the last ten years through the CDHB? Broken down by year, sex and age (under or above 18)?**

The decision to proceed with an assessment for ADHD is determined by the clinician. This data is not captured, only diagnostic data is captured. Declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act i.e. *"...we do not hold this information"*

- 2. How many people have been diagnosed with ADHD through the CDHB in the past ten years? Broken down by year of diagnosis, and sex and age (under or above 18) of the person diagnosed?**

The data provided is for specialist mental health services (SMHS) only. Children who are seen by Paediatrics for neurodevelopmental condition may subsequently have ADHD diagnosed by the paediatrician involved.

We do not hold any data for Paediatrics and ADHD diagnosis made at outpatients are not coded.

Table one and **Table two** (overleaf) show the number of people seen by SMHS per year by age band with a principal diagnosis of ADHD. Please note, this does not reflect the number of individual people with a new diagnosis of ADHD, as people with ADHD will often be seen by SMHS multiple times through their lifetime.

Table one: Case starts (ADHD primary diagnosis) and wait times (in days) 0-18 years (SMHS)

0-18	Male		Female		All	
Year	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time
2011	148	57	31	55	179	57
2012	173	67	56	75	229	69
2013	210	70	63	64	273	68
2014	251	57	60	42	311	54
2015	227	33	55	27	282	31
2016	234	25	59	25	293	25
2017	227	48	59	38	286	46
2018	209	78	60	80	269	78
2019	321	56	76	62	397	57
2020	243	48	57	31	300	45
2021	139	75	39	59	178	71
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Table two: Case starts (ADHD primary diagnosis) and wait times (in days) 19 + years (SMHS)

19+	Male		Female		All	
Year	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time	Number of Case Starts	Average of Wait Time
2011	19	26	4	37	23	28
2012	27	23	8	24	35	24
2013	25	18	10	21	35	19
2014	42	16	21	24	63	19
2015	33	12	11	14	44	13
2016	28	12	12	23	40	15
2017	42	20	22	20	64	20
2018	48	17	23	23	71	19
2019	31	32	30	37	61	35
2020	46	34	35	19	81	27
2021	28	28	35	37	63	33
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3. Over the past ten years what has been the average wait time for an ADHD diagnosis through the CDHB? Broken down by year?

Table one and Table two (above) show the average wait time in days by age and year for individuals in SMHS with a primary diagnosis of ADHD. ADHD assessments may begin prior to the first face to face contact as information and rating scales are sought from family and educational providers.

4. Over the past ten years what has been the average amount of people on the waitlist with suspected ADHD, in the area? Can this be broken down by sex?

SMHS do not hold this information i.e. we do not keep a record of who has been on the waitlist once they are removed.

The waitlist is dynamic, it shows the current status and count of those referrals waiting for an assessment appointment booking. As people are booked for an assessment they are removed from the waitlist. Declined pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

5. How many people are currently on the waitlist with suspected ADHD? Can this be broken down by sex?

A waitlist is not used in our Adult Community Service as assessments are booked following triage if they meet criteria for the service.

6. What percentage of the waitlist for youth mental health is currently made up of patients with suspected ADHD?

Table 3 (below) shows the number of people currently on the SMHS Child and Adolescent waiting list where ADHD is suspected. Youth is defined as 13 to 18 years.

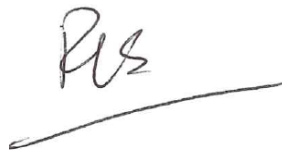
Table three: Child, Adolescent and Family (CAF) ADHD Waitlist

	Male	Female	Number On Waitlist	% of waitlist
0 to 12 years	112	34	146	67%
13 to 18 years	18	9	27	19%
CAF all ages	130	43	173	48%

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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