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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2890

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the provision of services for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) within Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

As noted in the NICE Quality Standard for ADHD (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs39>), can you please provide information on:

- **What proportion of children and young people with symptoms of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 1)**

9 children have been referred for specialist assessment; we are a specialist CAMHS service for Children and Young People with moderate to severe disabilities, 0-19 years old; a wider proportion of Children and Young People with disabilities display, impulsivity, inattention and/or hyperactivity within their overall behavioural profile which do not meet threshold for a diagnostic assessment; we do not formally measure/record ADHD symptomatology outside of the diagnostic assessment context.

- **What proportion of adults with symptoms of ADHD without a childhood diagnosis of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 2)**

N/A – We are a specialist CAMHS Service for 0-19 Years old

- **What proportion of adults who were diagnosed with ADHD as children or young people and present with symptoms of continuing ADHD have been referred to general adult psychiatric services in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 3)**

N/A – We are a specialist CAMHS Service for 0-19 Years old

- **What proportion of parents or carers of children with symptoms of ADHD who meet the NICE eligibility criteria have been offered a referral to a parent training programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 4)**

Appropriate training is always offered to parents/carers post-diagnosis (individual or group format) from within the CAMHS Core service offer.

- **What proportion of children and young people with moderate ADHD have been offered a referral to a psychological group treatment programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 5)**

The Trust does not run treatment groups for Children and Young People with moderate to severe disabilities, who are diagnosed with ADHD; we provide psychological treatment within our provision of support to the family as a whole, often by working directly with the parents.

- **In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are starting drug treatment go on to have their initial drug dose adjusted and response assessed by an ADHD specialist (Quality Statement 6)**

The consultant psychiatrist sees all ADHD patients, starting drug treatment and continues to adjust initial dose as needed based on response.

- **In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are taking drug treatment have a specialist review at least annually to assess their need for continued treatment (Quality Statement 7)**

The consultant psychiatrist reviews all ADHD patients on medication regularly, at least annually

In addition, can you please provide information on:

- **The number of people with symptoms of ADHD who have come into contact with your service in the past 12 months:**
 - **Children and young people** – 9 CYP (Children and Young people) referrals have been received for a specialist ADHD diagnostic assessment; a wider proportion of CYP with disabilities have come into contact with the service who display impulsivity, inattention and/or hyperactivity within their overall behavioural profile which do meet threshold for a diagnostic assessment; we do not formally measure/record ADHD symptomatology outside the diagnostic assessment context.
 - **Adults** – N/A – We are a CYP Service
- **The number of people referred with symptoms of ADHD who are currently waiting for their first outpatients appointment:**
 - **Children and young people** - 5
 - **Adults** - N/A – We are a CYP Service
- **The average waiting time from referral to first outpatients appointment in the past 12 months for**
 - **Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD** – 16 Weeks
 - **Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD** N/A – We are a CYP Service
- **The range of waiting times (ie shortest to longest) for patients from referral to first outpatient appointment in the past 12 months for**
 - **Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD** - 66 - 225 days
 - **Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD** N/A – We are a CYP Service
- **What specialist services are available for referral for adults presenting with symptoms of ADHD-** N/A; we are a CAMHS Service
- **Does your organisation provide a transition to an adult service for adolescents with ADHD -** Yes
- **The age at which your organisation transitions a young person diagnosed with ADHD to general adult psychiatric services** – 18 Years
- **Does your organisation receive out of area referrals for specialist ADHD services?** No

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Yours sincerely

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