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Thank you for your request for information dated 28 May 2019. Your request has been managed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Requested information

Adult diagnosis/assessment of neurodivergent conditions

Part 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you inform me whether NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG commissions services that provide a diagnostic pathway for adults for the below named conditions:

- (a) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- (b) Dyscalculia
- (c) Dyslexia
- (d) Dyspraxia (sometimes referred to as Developmental Co-ordination Disorder)

Part 2

If diagnostic pathways are not funded for any of the above named conditions, I would be grateful if you could inform me what NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG's standard advice is to General Practitioners who wish to make a referral for adult diagnostic/assessment services for each such condition.

Part 3

If relevant figures are readily held, please can you inform me (i) how many referrals for adult diagnostic/assessment services for each of the above named conditions* have been funded by NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG in the last three years, ** (ii) how many diagnoses

have been made for each named condition over the last three years, and (iii) what the gender breakdown of both the responses to (i) and (ii) were.

* Although Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASCs) were not named in the list in Part 1, due to the separate legal framework governing adult diagnostic services, please could figures for ASCs be included for all answers under Part 3.

** Figures for the 'last three years' can be provided in whatever the most convenient format is for NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG (i.e. from the date of request, calendar years, financial years).

Response

- 1) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested.**
 - a) Yes, the CCG commission an Adult ADHD service. Forward Thinking Birmingham provide the service for 16 to 24 year olds. For 25 years and over the service is provided by Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.
 - b) NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does not commission this service.
 - c) NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does not commission this service.
 - d) NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does not commission this service.
- 2) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does not hold the information requested.**

The commissioners are unaware of the referral process as these are not health conditions.
- 3) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested in part.**

The CCG only holds this information for Autism.
The providers named above, answer 1a, hold this information for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
In terms of Autism Spectrum Disorder please see below. Please note these assessments cover the age range 16 years and above.

 - Referrals in the last three years – 412
 - Females – 175
 - Males – 237

 - Diagnosis made in the last three years – 181
 - Females – 85
 - Males – 96

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Yours sincerely,

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