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Dear [redacted],

Further to your enquiry of 20 September under the Freedom of Information Act, please find our response below. In your request, you asked for the following information:

NHS Lanarkshire's neurodevelopmental service assesses ADHD and autism together and reported, as combined counts with medians unavailable, 3,592 adults waiting and 11,094 children and young people waiting. I request:

1. ***The current equivalent of those two combined counts (adults; children and young people), on the same basis, as at the most recent date for which data is held***.

   Please find below details of the number of adults and children/young people currently on the waiting list for a neurodevelopmental assessment as at the end of September 2026.

Service	Number on Waiting List
Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Service	11,486
Adult ADHD	3,869
Adult Neurodevelopmental Service (Autism Assessments)	333

2. ***As date-based reference points rather than calculated medians: the referral date of the longest-waiting person currently on the adult list, and on the children and young people's list***.

   Please find below details of the referral date of the longest-waiting person currently on the adult and the children and young people's list.

Service	Referral Date of Longest Wait
Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Service	9 November 2020
Adult ADHD	9 November 2021
Adult Neurodevelopmental Service (Autism Assessments)	7 April 2025

3. ***The number of neurodevelopmental assessments completed in the most recent 12 months for which data is held, for adults and for children and young people***.

I regret to advise that I am unable to provide you with the number of neurodevelopmental assessments completed in the most recent 12 months for ADHD and autism for adults and children/young people as this is not centrally recorded. To find this information would require a manual check of patient records. This information gathering would exceed the charging threshold prescribed in the Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers which constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please note that some adult referrals that meet the threshold for being seen by the community mental health team (CMHT) for other reasons may receive an ADHD or autism assessment. To find the number of ADHD and autism referrals that were received from GPs for these specific conditions would require a manual check of patient records. This information gathering would exceed the charging threshold prescribed in the Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers which constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

4. ***If ADHD and autism referrals can now be reported separately, the separated counts***.

   NHS Lanarkshire's neurodevelopmental service and general adult psychiatric service accepts referrals for a number of conditions, not only ADHD or autism. ADHD and autism referrals therefore cannot be reported separately. Accordingly, I must advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the information sought is not held.

I hope this is to your satisfaction. If you have any further queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your original request, we can advise you that you do have a right to a review under section 20 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act. For this review you should write to Donald Wilson, Director of Digital Services, NHS Lanarkshire, Kirklands Headquarters, Fallside Road, Bothwell G71 8BB or by email to Donald.Wilson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk within 40 working days of 19 October 2026.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied I can advise you that you have the right to make application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under Section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. An appeal can be made to the Commissioner online at www.foi.

Yours sincerely

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