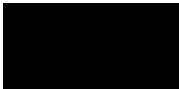


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Date 24 July, 2026
Reference FOI/LD
Enquiries to Linda Brownlie
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Dear 

Further to your enquiry of 24 June, 2026 under the Freedom of Information Act, please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Request:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 on behalf of ADHD Scot, an independent, non-clinical information project providing trusted, reliable information on ADHD and autism assessments in Scotland, for both NHS and private providers.

Please provide the following two figures for each of the four assessment types listed below, as current point-in-time figures where possible, or alternatively for the most recent available period:

- a) The median waiting time in weeks from GP referral to first assessment appointment
- b) The total number of people currently on the waiting list

The four assessment types are:

- 1. Adult ADHD assessment
- 2. CAMHS (under 18) ADHD assessment
- 3. Adult autism assessment
- 4. CAMHS (under 18) autism assessment

If any of the above is not held in a readily reportable format, please provide the nearest available equivalent and indicate what that is.

Response:

I regret to advise that I am unable to provide you with the median waiting time for an ADHD and autism assessments. Our neurodevelopmental service provides assessment for a range of conditions, not only ADHD and autism. 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.

I can advise that there are currently 3,592 adults waiting on a neuro developmental assessment. This cannot be broken down into type so we cannot provide the exact figure for ADHD or Autism. To find this information would require a manual check of patient medical 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.

I can advise that there are currently 11,094 children waiting on a neuro developmental assessment. This cannot be broken down into type so we cannot provide the exact figure for ADHD or Autism. To find this information would require a manual check of patient medical 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.

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, Fallside Road, Bothwell G71 8BB or by email to Donald.Wilson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk within 40 working days of 24 July, 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.scot/Appeal, by post to Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS, by telephone on 01334 464610 and by e-mail at enquiries@foi.scot.

Yours sincerely

Linda Brownlie

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