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Dear [redacted]

RE: Freedom of Information Request 202627/310 - Neurodevelopmental assessment waiting figures

Your Query and NHSO Response	**Date of Request**	September 2026

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 on behalf of ADHD Scot (adhdscot.co.uk). This updates your response 202627/138. So there is no need to retrieve the original: you reported approximately 139 adults waiting for a combined ADHD and/or autism assessment (with no median, as waits depend on clinical need and capacity), 25 children and young people on the CAMHS neurodevelopmental list, and — helpfully — that the service was then assessing adults referred in November 2024. I request:

1. The current equivalent of those counts (adults; CAMHS under-18s), on the same combined basis, as at the most recent date for which data is held.
   Adults – 162 adults currently waiting
   CAMHS – 20 currently waiting

2. The same reference point, updated: the referral month of the adults currently being assessed by the service. September 2026 - 10 patients were being assessed.

3. The number of neurodevelopmental assessments completed in the most recent 12 months for which data is held, for adults and for under-18s.

   Adults – 41 assessments have been completed in the last 12 months

   CAMHS - This information is not held centrally or in a fashion that would allow us to easily provide it. This type of information would be recorded in the patient's personal health record. To collate this information would be a time consuming exercise which we estimate would be outwith the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore, NHS Orkney is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

If the cost limit is engaged, please prioritise items 1 and 2. I would prefer to receive the information by email.

I hope this helps with your request.

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Requests for appeal should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. Telephone: 01334 464610, Email: enquiries@foi.scot.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer
NHS Orkney