

NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 21 September 2026.

Extract from Request

"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 IGTFOISA26481: you reported Dundee HSCP waiting-list counts of 632 for ADHD-related and 885 for autism-related appointments, with no medians (your Trakcare system does not record the clinical reason for referral), while Angus and Perth & Kinross figures were not held separately under section 17. I request:

1. The current equivalent of the Dundee HSCP counts (ADHD-related and autism-related), on the same basis, as at the most recent date for which data is held.
2. For Angus HSCP: the neurodevelopmental waiting-list and pathway counts by locality (South, North West, North East), on the same basis your board provided under reference IGTFOISA26470, updated to the most recent date for which data is held.
3. As date-based reference points rather than calculated medians: the referral date of the longest-waiting person currently on the Dundee ADHD-related list and on the Dundee autism-related list.
4. The number of ADHD-related and autism-related first appointments delivered by Dundee HSCP in the most recent 12 months for which data is held.
5. For Perth & Kinross HSCP: the nearest available equivalent count of people waiting for neurodevelopmental (ADHD or autism) assessment, in whatever form it is held."

Response

1. Dundee HSCP is unable to reliably report ADHD data. At present, referral systems do not capture the clinical reason for referral and there is no reliable way of reporting the number of ADHD referrals made to Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT). As part of a wider waiting list initiative however, we are currently in the process of reviewing all referrals on the waiting list within the CMHT. This will identify the reason for referral (ADHD or mental health assessments) in order to have accurate data on length of wait people are experiencing. Therefore, the information in this FOISA request related to ADHD numbers is not available. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information



(Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested for part of this request is not held by NHS Tayside.

NHS Tayside do hold this information for Autism-only assessments within Tayside Adult Autism Consultancy Team (TAACT). However, TAACT is an NHS Tayside wide service providing consultancy to services working with adults (or from 16 if not in school) without an intellectual disability who have confirmed or suspected Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), specialist diagnostic assessment and specialist interventions.

Referrals are made to TAACT where there is a suspected ASC, but where no specific mental health conditions have been identified by the referrer as a current concern to be additionally assessed.

In Angus and Perth & Kinross, CMHTs accept referrals for combined ASC and ADHD assessments, assessments for ASC only are directed to TAACT. In Dundee CMHT accept referrals for ADHD only, all ASC assessments are directed to TAACT.

As of 22/10/26, 1083 patients are awaiting assessment for ASC only within TAACT. This includes patients from DHSCP, PKHSC and AHSCP.

2. Please see below for requested information:

South waiting list - 458
South pathway – 111

North West waiting list - 262
North West pathway – 72

North East waiting list - 271
North East pathway – 39

3. CMHT ADHD: 08 April 2021 - TAACT ASC April 2022

4. The requested information cannot be provided as it is not held in a central location or readily accessible format. In terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested for part of this request is not held by NHS Tayside.

5. 800 for ADHD.

Data for ASC cannot be provided as it is not held in a central location or readily available format. In terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested for part of this request is not held by NHS Tayside.



Exemptions Section – Application of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 exemptions and Data Protection Act 2018 Principles.

Document Ref.	FOISA Exemption Applied	Justification
IGTFOISA26718	None	None

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Tayside has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commission.

A request for an internal review must be made in writing no later than forty working days from receipt of this response and sent to:

Information Governance Officer (FOISA)
MacKenzie Building (Ninewells Campus)
Ninewells Hospital and Medical School
Kirsty Semple Way
Dundee
DD2 1GZ

Or by email to tay.foisa@nhs.scot

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner, within 6 months of the date of any review, for a decision. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS

Or via the online appeal service: <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>

If you have any queries about this correspondence, please contact:

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