

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADHD

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD appointments.

Question:

1. Do you carry out ADHD review appointments?

Answer:

Yes, we undertake ADHD medication reviews. If the child or young person has a diagnosis of ADHD but is not on medication and does not require any on-going mental health support the episode is closed to CAMHS.

Question:

2. Are the ADHD appointments nurse led?

Answer:

Some appointments are led by non-medical prescriber's. We have a small number of reviews that are undertaken by ADHD nurses of 10+ years experience under the supervision of a psychiatrist, but this is a historical arrangement and not a model we intend to expand or replicate for governance reasons.

Question:

3. If they are nurse led what Band are they on?

Answer:

Band 6

Question:

4. If they are not nurse led who leads them and what banding are they?

Answer:

We employ some clinical pharmacists at Band 7.
Psychiatrists of various grades and stage of training.

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Question:

5. How often do you review ADHD patients that are routine?

Answer:

If stable on medication every 6 months.

Question:

6. How long are your ADHD appointments?

Answer:

Each appointment is 30 minutes plus administration time but can be 60 minutes if there is complexity.

Question:

7. What is your DNA policy for ADHD clinic appointments?

Answer:

This is the same across CAMHS. Two x DNA's then close - however this depends on clinical risk, some families require reminders and/or flexibility.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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