

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADHD AND AUTISM ASSESSMENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD and Autism assessments.

Question:

1. Please provide your total annual spend (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:
 - a. Total annual spend by third party private provider*
 - b. For each third party private provider, total annual spend by assessment type (ADHD / Autism)

Answer:

a.	Helios LTD - £363,253 in 2023/24 (CAMHS) Autism Initiatives - £50,000 in 2024/25 (Adult)
b.	Helios LTD ASD assessments - £16,975 (2023/24) ADHD assessments - £27,608 (2023/24) Autism Initiatives - £50,000 ASD assessments (2024/25)

Question:

2. Please provide your total number of patients (for each of the last three financial years, FY23/24, FY24/25, FY25/FY26) on ADHD and Autism assessments, broken down by:
 - a. Total number of patients assessed by third party private provider*
 - b. For each third party private provider, total number of patients assessed by assessment type (ADHD / Autism)

Answer:

a.	Helios LTD - 68
b.	Helios LTD – ASD – 20; ADHD 47 (2023/24)

Question:

3. For each third party private provider, please indicate the contract type (block / activity-based), start date and end date

Answer:

Helios Ltd, activity based from October 2021 – December 2023
Autism Initiatives, block, 1 June 2023- 31 May 2024

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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