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Date: 02/10/2026
Your Ref:
Our Ref: 540-2026

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Dear Requestor,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 21/09/2026 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 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 356-2026. So there is no need to retrieve the original: as at 30 June 2026 you reported, with adult ADHD assessed by the community psychiatric nurse (CPN) team and neurodevelopmental assessment by a separate ND team (started August 2024), adult ADHD 52.3 weeks / 277 waiting; adult autism listed at 24.9 weeks but with no assessments completed since the ND team began; under-18 ADHD 2.3 weeks and under-18 autism 69.3 weeks; and combined waiting lists of adult ADHD 277, adult neurodevelopmental 78, and under-18 neurodevelopmental 164. I request:

1. The current equivalent of those figures, on the same basis and with the same service split, as at the most recent date for which data is held.
2. For adult ADHD (CPN team): the longest current wait of anyone on the list, and the number who have currently waited more than two years.
3. The number of adult autism assessments completed by the neurodevelopmental team since 30 June 2026 (your previous response noted none had been completed since it began in August 2024), and the number of adult ADHD assessments completed by the CPN team in the most recent 12 months.

A1 Our Neurodevelopment pathway started in August 2024. Therefore we have provided neurodevelopmental median waits after August 2024. ADHD adult assessments are undertaken by CPN team which is provided separately and not included in ND pathway.

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Autism assessments are undertaken by the neurodevelopmental assessment team independent of CAMHS. Prior to the establishment of the neurodevelopmental assessment team, these assessments were completed via the Social Communication Team, again independent of CAMHS.

- 1. The median waiting time in weeks from GP referral to first assessment appointment from 01/07/2026 till 29/09/2026**
 - a) Adult ADHD assessment – None since July 2026 from referral source GP.**
 - b) Neurodevelopmental -under 18 assessment – Zero assessed since July 2026 from referral source GP.**
 - c) Neurodevelopmental service autism assessment for adult -117.7 weeks from Referral source GP.**
- 2. The total number of people currently on the waiting list as on 31/08/2026.**
 - a) Adult ADHD assessment – 234 and 38 have waited over 2 years with maximum wait 139 weeks.**
 - b) Neurodevelopmental - under 18 - 142**
 - c) Adult Neurodevelopmental assessment – 81.**

**** Since all those waiting will be assessed by the ND team, so the waits are grouped by adult and children and cannot provide it separately for conditions for children and adults.**
- 3. 10 Adult ADHD assessments completed by the CPN team in the most recent 12 months up to August 2026.**

Source Neurodevelopmental team and Morse for ADHD Adult Median waits.

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website www.foi.scot/appeal.

If you have any further queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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