

## FOI Request Response information

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### Request Detail:

All referrals (except internal transfers from the pædiatric team) are currently being rejected by the LCFT adult ADHD team. They're not just holding referrals for a future date, they are actively posting them back to the referrer and refusing to log them as received.

I can appreciate that services run into difficulties at times, but I would still appreciate if the Trust could let me know:

- Why has new activity been suspended?
- If the suspension is temporary, either when the suspension will be lifted, or what conditions need to be met for service restoration.
- What exceptions, if any, exist for a referral to be accepted by the service at present.
- When referrals are once again being accepted, how patients and referrers will be notified.
- What referral routes should be used for the backlogged referrals when the service reopens.
- When the service reopens, what prioritisation will be given to new referrals? For example, will referrals for patients who have already been referred and rejected due to the closure, and who have been waiting, be prioritised over genuinely new patients?

And in the meantime:

- What alternate service patients should be referred to, or have a funding application submitted for, to meet the requirements of NICE clinical guideline CG72 *Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: diagnosis and management*, as primary care practitioners cannot provide diagnosis or management.
- What interim management options or services patients will be provided with.

### Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request can be found in the attached pdf document.

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