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Subject: St Helens Paediatrics

REQUEST

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information from St Helens Paediatrics or the relevant NHS Trust:

1. List of Authorised Clinicians for Private Diagnoses

Does St Helens Paediatrics maintain a list of authorised clinicians whose private ADHD diagnoses are accepted by the Trust?

- If such a list exists, please provide a copy or details on how I can access it.
- If no list exists, please confirm this in writing.

2. Policy on Private Consultations Due to Wait Times

Is there a policy or procedure that allows for private consultations to be arranged if the wait time for NHS services at St Helens Paediatrics exceeds a specified period (e.g., 12 months)? If such a policy exists, please provide:

- a) A copy of the policy or details on how to access it.
- b) The specific wait time threshold that triggers eligibility for private consultations.
- c) The criteria that must be met for a patient to qualify for private care under this policy.
- d) The process I should follow, including any steps involving my GP, to request a private consultation.
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St Helens Developmental Paediatrics confirm that no list exists of authorised clinicians whose private ADHD diagnosis are accepted by the Trust.

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