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| **Supplementary Table 1.** Association of Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) status at referral with demographic and education variables in YP with a diagnosis of ADHD. |
|  | EHCP(n = 46) | No EHCP |  |
|  | n = 41 | n = 33 |  |
| **Demographic** |  |  |  |
|  | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | *p* |
| Age (years) | 14.20 (2.29) | 14.39 (2.08) | 0.675 |
|  | *n* (%) | *n* (%) | *p* |
| Gender |  |  |  |
| Female (cis) | 6 (14.6) | 10 (30.3) |  |
| Male (cis) | 34 (82.9) | 23 (69.7) | 0.116 |
| Ethnic background |  |  |  |
| White  | 22 (55.0) | 17 (53.1) |  |
| Black / Black British  | 4 (10.0) | 6 (18.8) |  |
| Asian / Asian British  | 3 (7.5) | 2 (6.3) |  |
| Arab / Middle Eastern  | 2 (5.0) | 1 (3.1) |  |
| Dual Heritage  | 9 (22.5) | 6 (18.2) | 0.861 |
| **Type of education (during FCAMHS)** |  |  |  |
| **Mainstream** | **5 (12.5)** | **15 (46.9)** |  |
| **Special** | **29 (72.5)** | **10 (31.3)** |  |
| **NEET** | **6 (15.0)** | **7 (21.9)** | **0.001** |
| Special education | n=29 | n=10 |  |
| Pupil Referral Unit | 7 (24.1) | 5 (50.0) |  |
| Specialist School | 17 (58.6) | 2 (20.0) |  |
| Home tutoring/Residential school | 5 (17.2) | 3 (30.0) | 0.106 |
| Note. The ADHD group included one nonbinary YP (with an EHCP). Ethnic background data were not available for 2 YP with ADHD (1 with an EHCP, 1 without); percentages were calculated from available data only; White ethnic background included 3 Gypsy or Irish Traveller; Black / Black British ethnic background included 3 dual heritage Black British African and Afro-Caribbean. Measures where significant differences were observed are emboldened. |

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| **Supplementary Table 2.** Educational status according to whether YP had ADHD only or ADHD and comorbid ASC/LD. |
|  | ADHD only(n = 46) | ADHD + ASC/LD(n = 28) |  |
|  | n = 46 | n = 28 |  |
|  | *n* (%) | *n* (%) | *p* |
| **EHCP plan (at referral)** | **20 (43.5)** | **21 (75.0)** | **0.008** |
| **Type of education (during FCAMHS)** |  |  |  |
| **Mainstream** | **14 (31.8)** | **6 (21.4)** |  |
| **Special** | **19 (43.2)** | **20 (71.4)** |  |
| **NEET** | **11 (25.0)** | **2 (7.1)** | **0.045** |
| **Special education** | **n=19** | **n=20** |  |
| **PRU** | **10 (52.6)** | **2 (10.0)** |  |
| **Specialist School** | **4 (21.1)** | **15 (75.0)** |  |
| **Home tutoring/Residential school** | **5 (26.3)** | **3 (15.0)** | **0.002** |
| Note: EHCP = Education and Health Care Plan; Type of education data were not available for 2 YP with ADHD only; percentages were calculated from available data only. Measures where significant differences were observed are emboldened. |

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| **Supplementary Table 3.** Association of open to CAMHS status (at referral) with demographic and education variables in YP with a diagnosis of ADHD. |
|  | Open to CAMHS(n = 46) | Not open to CAMHS |  |
|  | n = 55 | n = 19 |  |
| **Demographic** |  |  |  |
|  | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | *p* |
| Age (years) | 14.20 (2.12) | 14.42 (2.43) | 0.713 |
|  | *n* (%) | *n* (%) | *p* |
| Gender |  |  |  |
| Female (cis; n=16) | 14 (87.5) | 2 (12.5) |  |
| Male (cis; n=57) | 40 (70.2) | 17 (29.8) | 0.163 |
| Ethnic background |  |  |  |
| White (n=39) | 30 (76.9) | 9 (23.1) |  |
| Black / Black British (n=10) | 8 (80.0) | 2 (20.0) |  |
| Asian / Asian British (n=5) | 4 (80.0) | 1 (20.0) |  |
| Arab / Middle Eastern (n=3) | 2 (66.7) | 1 (33.3) |  |
| Dual Heritage (n=15) | 10 (66.7) | 5 (33.3) | 0.918 |
| Type of education (during FCAMHS) |  |  |  |
| Mainstream | 11 (20.8) | 9 (47.4) |  |
| Special | 32 (60.4) | 7 (36.8) |  |
| NEET | 10 (18.9) | 3 (15.8) | 0.079 |
| **Special education** | **n=32** | **n=7** |  |
| **PRU** | **11 (34.4)** | **1 (14.3)** |  |
| **Specialist school** | **17 (53.1)** | **2 (28.6)** |  |
| **Home tutoring/Residential school** | **4 (12.5)** | **4 (57.1)** | **0.030** |
| Note. The ADHD group included one nonbinary YP (who was open to CAMHS). Ethnic background data were not available for 2 YP with ADHD (who was open to CAMHS, 1 who was not); percentages were calculated from available data only; White ethnic background included 3 Gypsy or Irish Traveller; Black / Black British ethnic background included 3 dual heritage Black British African and Afro-Caribbean. Measures where significant differences were observed are emboldened. |