ADHD in adults

WHAT IS ADHD?

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects people's behaviour and can cause ongoing distress and disruption to their lives. Individuals with ADHD may have trouble concentrating on tasks, show abnormal levels of hyperactivity or struggle to sit still for long periods of time. Both adults and children can have ADHD, but it tends to be more noticeable at an early age, as adults learn to cover some of the signs. Symptoms can be especially magnified during periods of significant change.

There are real benefits to finding out about ADHD. A diagnosis will help you (and those you choose to share it with) understand yourself, better appreciate how you approach things, and consider how you live with ADHD comfortably and positively.

General symptoms	Inattentiveness	Impulsiveness
 Nervous energy Memory issues Difficulty prioritising Easily distracted Prone to more risky behaviour (gambling, unprotected sex, substance use, eating issues) Relationship roadblocks (trouble regulating emotions, listening to partner) 	 Having a short attention span Becoming easily distracted Having difficulty organizing tasks Appearing forgetful Losing things Constantly changing tasks/not finishing things Not being able to stick to tasks that are boring/tedious or time consuming Making careless mistakes Daydreaming frequently Often running late 	 Interrupting conversations Acting without thinking Little or no sense of danger Being unable to wait their turn Excessive talking Always on the go Fidgeting and moving about a lot



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The exact cause of ADHD is unknown but a combination of factors is likely

- **Genetics** play a role, it is thought, as ADHD can run in families. However the way it is inherited is considered complex.
- Brain function and structure research has indicated differences in the brains of people with ADHD – eg some areas are smaller and some are larger.

Some research indicates an

imbalance in neurotransmitters.

People with ADHD are more likely to suffer with co-morbid disorders.

These include: • Depression • Anxiety • Learning difficulties • Sleep disorders

• Substance abuse

During the diagnostic process, we will determine if there is anything else that could be causing the presenting symptoms.

Treatment is likely to involve behavioural therapies / medication or both.

Other important self-care factors are:

- Plenty of sleep Healthy diet
- Exercise Limiting screen time

TREATMENTS Breathing exercises and meditation can be really helpful too.

£1200

consultation, assessment + diagnostic report

Please talk to me about the next steps in diagnosing and supporting ADHD. A free initial consultation, followed by an assessment and diagnostic report, including recommendations, is £1200. This can be paid in 3 installments of £400.

