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A foundation is working with medical technology companies to launch and pilot breakthrough methods in the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

The ADHD Foundation is launching QbCheck, the world's first online ADHD test that is both FDA cleared and CE-marked, at its conference in Liverpool this week.

QbCheck is used to inform referral decisions by teachers and by qualified healthcare professionals to aid diagnosis and track treatment effectiveness.

The average delay to ADHD diagnosis in Europe is four years, during which time education and mental health can suffer.

Speaking at the conference, Dr Tony Lloyd, ADHD Foundation CEO, said: "We have worked with Qbtech for four years, and we were among the first in the UK to use its groundbreaking QbTest technology which is now commonplace in the NHS and has reduced costs and time to diagnosis significantly.

“QbCheck is an exciting new development as it will help SENCOs and school professionals provide high quality, evidence-based referrals.”

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Tony Doyle, managing director, Qbtech Ltd, said: “Most people respond really well to treatment but first they must be assessed by a clinician.

“With QbCheck you can begin to change the life of a child with ADHD, all you need is 15 minutes and a laptop.”

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QbCheck technology in action

ADHD currently affects one in 20 children and a third of those children remain symptomatic as adults.

Those currently seeking a diagnosis in the UK for the condition can expect to wait up to a year for an answer following several assessment sessions with a clinician.

Also being launched at the conference is the Braingaze objective ADHD test.

The ADHD Foundation will be the first in the UK to pilot Braingaze from this month with families with a history of ADHD and autism.

Braingaze uses eye-tracking technology to capture eye vergence and artificial intelligence algorithms to classify patients ADHD vs non-ADHD.

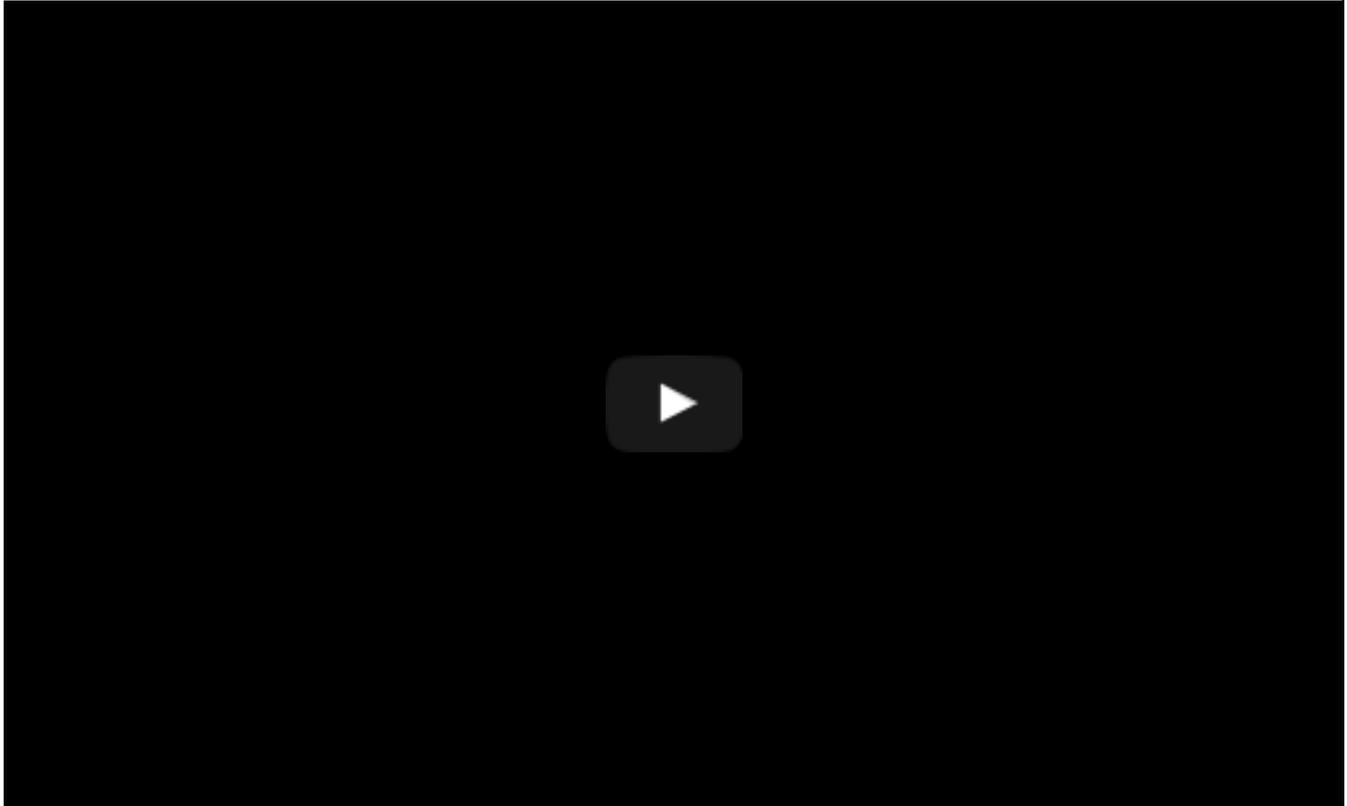
It is approved in Spain for clinical diagnoses for children as young as seven. If successful, the UK pilot could save the NHS money.

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Co-founder Hans Super, a professor at the University of Barcelona, said: “The Braingaze test is accessible, quick and affordable, but more importantly, is a practical tool that provides objectivity for psychiatrists for diagnosis.

“We look forward to bringing it to the UK for the first time and working in partnership with ADHD

Foundation, furthering their incredible work in supporting children, young people and their families living with ADHD.”



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