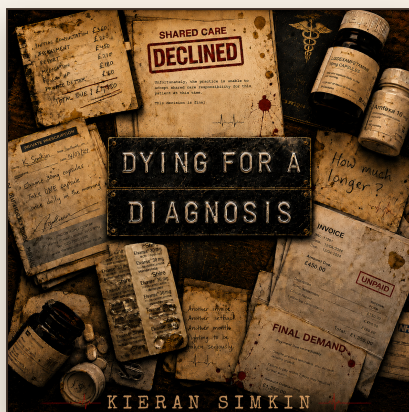




KIERAN SIMKIN

DYING FOR A DIAGNOSIS

Dark, cinematic UK conscious hip-hop about the human cost of being left waiting for care.

RELEASE 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 · SINGLE · 5:33 · 85 BPM
UK CONSCIOUS / ALTERNATIVE HIP-HOP · INDEPENDENT

THE SINGLE

Built around detuned piano, sub-bass, cold phone-hold interruptions and a recurring plea not to be left waiting, *Dying for a Diagnosis* turns the bureaucracy surrounding ADHD and mental-health care into a tense five-and-a-half-minute narrative.

The writing was developed from audited UK reporting and first-person testimony about long assessment waits, rejected shared-care arrangements, unaffordable private prescriptions and the human cost of being passed between services. Rather than treating statistics as shock lines, the song qualifies its figures and keeps the focus on people living inside the queue. It ends unresolved: the appointment approaches only after the “patient” is no longer available.

ABOUT KIERAN SIMKIN

Kieran Simkin is an independent British songwriter and producer making lyrically driven music that moves between conscious hip-hop, cinematic texture and social observation. His work treats songs as documents as much as entertainment: emotionally direct, carefully researched and built to hold difficult subjects without flattening them into slogans.

Research provenance. A 37-page verified dossier, full source ledger and lyric sheet are available for editorial fact-checking. The first-contact press pack contains the concise one-sheet, mastered WAV, artwork and lyrics.

SOUND AND STRUCTURE

- Detuned upright-piano colour, muted harmonic textures, synth drones, sub-bass and dry drums.
- Phone messages, dropped beats and silence interrupt the regular verse structure.
- Urgent narrative delivery and a recurring “don’t leave us on hold” refrain.

CAMPAIGN

- UK hip-hop press and independent radio
- BBC Music Introducing
- Research-led short-form video
- Release-day YouTube visualiser

LINKS

Spotify artist

open.spotify.com/artist/4OXT84RUXIZ1tqmi913wVO

YouTube

youtube.com/channel/UCKaIJj_gM_gvmTw9N1YL39A

CONTENT NOTE

References to suicide, mental-health crisis and medication access.

Support: Samaritans can be contacted free in the UK and ROI on **116 123**, 24 hours a day, or at samaritans.org. · Press contact: Kieran Simkin