

# Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

## Reference

22-23300

## Date response sent

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## Subject

Autism Diagnosis and Support CYP Services

## Details of enquiry

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ASD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area
  - a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end
  - b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?
  - c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?
  - d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?
  - e. At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?
2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.
3. Please outline the CYP ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources
4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?
  - a. Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?
  - b. Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?
  - c. Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years
5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the Trust who were:
  - a. Referred for ASD assessment
  - b. Given an ASD assessment
  - c. Given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted
  - d. Diagnosed with ASD
6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:
  - a. Qualified psychiatrists
  - b. Paediatricians
  - c. Speech and Language therapists
  - d. Clinical Psychologists
  - e. For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees
7. Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ASD services in the Trust. If the Trust does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ASD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively

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1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ASD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area

The ASC&LD (Autistic Spectrum Conditions & Learning Disabilities team) at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust delivers autism assessments to Haringey and Hertfordshire. Additionally, we provide the staffing cohort for a service led by CNWL (Mosaic team) which delivers autism assessments to Camden.

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust which provides outpatient, mainly psychological, services across the UK. We do not have a specified catchment area

- a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end  
It is a rolling contract, which is periodically reviewed.
- b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?  
ASC&LD and Mosaic: Autism Diagnostic Assessment & Mental Health Treatment services for CYHP with Autism - Annual Spend 2018/19 to 2022/23 (January)

Financial Year	ASC&LD	Mosaic
2018/19	£430,681	£737,930
2019/20	£432,461	£705,847
2020/21	£507,879	£712,925
2021/22	£574,018	£754,630
2022/23 (January)	£400,494	£807,921

- c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?  
Block
  - d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?  
See response to Q1 above
  - e. At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?  
Not applicable. See our response to Q1 above. This would be a question for the commissioner.
2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.  
Please see our response to Q1. The Trust has Psychiatric services and prescribes medications as clinically indicated, though we do not have an in house pharmacy.

There are multiple organisations involved in our Trust area, all or some of whom are involved in post diagnostic support work, including psycho-educational work, post diagnostic support to young people, and this work takes place alongside third sector organisations e.g. 'Open Door' in Haringey.

3. Please outline the CYP ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources

This information is available on the trust website, mainly GP referrals but also local CAMHS / Mental Health professionals.

For Haringey and Hertfordshire all referrals come through a form of Single Point of Access / Referral UNLESS the person is already open to a local CAMHS team

4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?  
 All newly referred CYP are seen for an initial triage (1-2 appointments) within 4 weeks of referral in order to further explore the YP's/family's concerns and the ways in which an ASC assessment would be helpful/relevant.

**CYP ASD Assessments by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team  
 Waiting list Data**

	Waiters (at end of period)	Longest wait (weeks)	Median wait (weeks)
2019/20	58	78.86	31.71
2020/21	62	86.86	45.64
2021/22	77	125.86	38.29
2022/23 (January)	141	129.57	30.14

- a. Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?  
 None were fully assessed within 12 weeks of referral, however within this period all referrals are seen for an initial triage consultation within 4 weeks of referral. Most case are complex and require further assessment
- b. Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?  
 CYP ASD Assessments by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team  
 Referrals Rejected/Discharged without being seen  
 Based on all our ICB Contracts, and on Referral Year.

	Discharged without assessment
2019/20	17
2020/21	26
2021/22	43
2022/23 (January)	13

- c. Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years  
 See table at Q4b. above
5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the Trust who were:
- a. CYP Patients, Referred for ASD assessment  
 CYP ASD Assessments by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team  
 Referrals for ASD Assessment

	Referrals received
2019/20	69
2020/21	61
2021/22	93
2022/23 (January)	103

- b. CYP Patients, given an ASD assessment  
 CYP ASD Assessments by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team  
 CYP Patients given an ASD Assessment

	ASC Assessment
2019/20	34
2020/21	31
2021/22	35
2022/23 (January)	26

- c. CYP Patients, given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted  
 There have been no ASC assessments undertaken by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team, outside the contracted services for the last five years

- d. Diagnosed with ASD  
 CYP ASD Assessments by the Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team  
 Number of patients assessed with ASD

	Diagnosis
2019/20	24
2020/21	19
2021/22	26
2022/23 (January)	14

6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:
- Qualified psychiatrists
  - Paediatricians
  - Speech and Language therapists
  - Clinical Psychologists
  - For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees

The Tavistock and Portman NHS FT, ASC&LD Team does not run its services in this way, as our staff service multiple clinical disciplines.

Amongst the associated clinical disciplines e.g. psychology / psychiatry there are no specific ASD qualifying aspects to staff training. Staff may hold specialist experience, knowledge or particular areas of ASD training **but** this does not equate to services having specific dedicated ASD qualified staff.

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If a young person reaches 18 years of age whilst in treatment, they are able to continue their treatment with our service until they are 25 years old.

The Trust does not provide autism assessments for adults. Since April 2017 the Trust ceased to accept referrals for diagnosis of suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the over 18 yrs age group, though working with ASD as part of an overall mental health presentation would continue.