

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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17-18225

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Subject

Autism Referrals and Diagnosis Waiting Times

Details of enquiry

I am requesting the following information for the year 2016/17 (i.e. the year ending 31 March 2017).

Please provide a breakdown of this data by i) adults and ii) children and young people (under 19s).

1. In your area, how many people with possible autism who were referred for a diagnostic assessment had the assessment started within 3 months of their referral? Please provide this information as a number and as a percentage.
2. What was a) the median and b) the longest wait for the start of the diagnostic assessment?
3. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in 2016-17, what was the median time from referral to final diagnosis?
4. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in 2016-17, what was the longest time from referral to final diagnosis?
5. How many people were referred for an assessment in the year 2016/17, but have not yet received a diagnosis as of 1 October 2017? Please provide this information as a number and as a percentage.
6. As of October 2017, what is the current waiting time from referral to the start of the diagnostic assessment?
7. As of October 2017, what is the expected waiting time from referral to a final diagnosis of autism?

Response Sent

We do not hold the data requested in electronic format.

We do not record the reason for referral in a dedicated data field.

Dates of assessment for autistic spectrum disorders are not recorded in our patient records system, and we therefore are unable to provide details on these waiting times.

All CYAF begin within 8 weeks of referral, but the length of time an assessment takes will vary depending on the complexity of the case.

We have estimated that a manual interrogation of our files to collate and supply the data which you have requested would require resources beyond the scope of the FOI Act 2000, which this Trust can not afford to accommodate.