

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

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### Subject

GIDS Referrals with Autism Traits 2017-18

### Details of enquiry

1. How many young people aged 17 or under who'd been referred to the GIDS at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust were first assessed at your sites in
  - i) London
  - ii) Leedsbetween 1/1/17 - 31/12/18
2. How many of them were autistic (diagnosed as such) OR displayed autistic traits in assessments (scored 'moderate' or 'severe' in the social responsiveness scale)?
3. How many of them (patients aged 17 or under who were autistic or OR displayed autistic traits in assessments between 1/1/17 - 31/12/18) were referred by you to your subcontracted endocrinology teams at UCLH or Leeds General Infirmary?

### Response Sent

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  - i) London: 3414 young people
  - ii) Leeds: 1439 young people
2. How many of them were autistic (diagnosed as such) OR displayed autistic traits in assessments (scored 'moderate' or 'severe' in the social responsiveness scale)?

Young people are assessed for features consistent with ASC using the Social Responsiveness Scale (SRS) around the time of their first appointment with the service, therefore those on the waiting list will not have a completed SRS. We currently have a waiting list of 14-18 months, so we do not have SRS scores for the majority of the young people in the 1/1/17 - 31/12/18 time bracket you have specified.

A question we could answer might be: “How many young people assessed in the financial year 2017/2018 scored severe on the Social Responsiveness Scale?”

As we previously mentioned, diagnoses of ASC are recorded in individual medical records, but are not held in a data field that can be easily collated. To obtain this information we would need to manually go through all files which would be substantially beyond the time limits for a FOI. Further we only have this information if it is given to us by the family or local services and so it would not necessarily be complete.

SRS-2 – Social responsiveness scale  
Data taken from 01/04/2011 – 08/10/2018  
Total number of young people = 2373

Around 48% of young people seen in the service display ASC traits (mild – severe)

10.11% of AF’s fall in the ‘severe’ range of the SRS-2

6.91% of AM’s fall in the ‘severe’ range of the SRS-2

However it should be noted that within the service there is due clinical consideration on a case by case basis as to how much the SRS-2 exclusively measures ASC specific traits. There is overlap with general functioning and social difficulties that are affected by gender dysphoria and other associated difficulties. For this reason, the numbers above cannot be used to draw conclusions on rates of autism within the service.

3. How many of them (patients aged 17 or under who were autistic or OR displayed autistic traits in assessments between 1/1/17 - 31/12/18) were referred by you to your subcontracted endocrinology teams at UCLH or Leeds General Infirmary?

We are not currently able to draw this data. Diagnosis of ASD is recorded in individual medical records, but are not held in a data field that can be easily collated. To obtain this information we would need to manually go through all files which would be substantially beyond the time resources provisioned under the FOI Act 2000.