

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

18-19399

### Date sent

28/03/2019

### Subject

Autism Assessment Times

### Details of enquiry

I am looking for information about autism assessment times at the Trust.

As such, I would like answers to the following questions:

1. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism has been referred?
2. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after a **child** suspected of having autism has been referred?
3. How many adults were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18?
4. How many **children** were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in in 2017/18?
5. What was the average waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having c
6. What was the average waiting time for assessment after a **child** suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?
7. How many adults referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?
8. How many **children** referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?

*The applicant subsequently asked for supplementary information:*

9. When the data refers to autism assessment waiting times, does that mean the time between referral and first assessment, or between referral and completed assessment?

### Response Sent

1. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism has been referred?  
**Not applicable. The Trust does not provide a dedicated autism assessment service for adults.**

2. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after a **child** suspected of having autism has been referred?  
Our target to see all children for a first appointment is 8 weeks irrespective of their reason for referral. We do not have a specific waiting time for autism assessments.
3. How many adults were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18?  
Not applicable. The Trust does not provide a dedicated autism assessment service for adults.
4. How many **children** were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in in 2017/18?  
72 child cases were referred specifically for an ASC assessment in 17/18 period  
(NB this does not include those rejected at intake before they came to the team). Other children may, in the course of their treatment at the Trust, having been referred for other reasons, be identified as needing an autism assessment but they are not included in this referrals data.
5. What was the average waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?  
Not applicable. The Trust does not provide a dedicated autism assessment service for adults.
6. What was the average waiting time for assessment after a **child** suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?  
Of those referred specifically for an assessment the average waiting time was 9.5 months
7. How many adults referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?  
Not applicable. The Trust does not provide a dedicated autism assessment service for adults.
8. How many **children** referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?  
Of those referred specifically for an ASC Assessment in 2017/18 period, 8 are still awaiting assessment. There are 33 cases on our waiting list in total
9. When the data refers to autism assessment waiting times, does that mean the time between referral and first assessment, or between referral and completed assessment?  
The data provided [to you] refers to the time between referral and the patient being seen in the clinic for full assessment (ADOS and 3di (Developmental history))