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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to ASD waiting times.

*You asked:*

### **QUESTION 1**

- A. How many children are currently waiting to receive a first assessment appointment?*
- B. What is the average wait time for these children, starting from the point of initial referral?*
- C. How many of these children have been waiting longer than 13 weeks?*
- D. What are the longest three wait times for these children?*

### **QUESTION 2**

- A. How many children are currently waiting to receive a second assessment appointment?*
- B. What is the average wait time for these children to receive a second appointment, since their first appointment?*
- C. What are the longest three wait times for these children, since their first appointment?*

### **QUESTION 3**

- A. How many children are currently waiting to receive a diagnosis (ie. waiting for an assessment outcome to find out whether they do or do not have ASD)?*
- B. What is the average wait time, since the point of initial referral?*
- C. What are the longest three wait times for these children, since their initial referral?*

### **QUESTION 4**

- A. In the year up to 31 March 2022, how many children with suspected autism received a first assessment appointment?*
- B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a first assessment appointment, since their initial referral?*

*C. What were the longest three wait times for these children to receive a first diagnostic appointment, since their initial referral??*

**QUESTION 5**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2022, how many children with suspected autism received a second assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a second diagnostic appointment, since their first appointment?*

*C. What were the longest three wait times for these children to receive a second assessment appointment, since their first appointment?*

**QUESTION 6**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2022, how many children with suspected autism received an ASD diagnosis?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive an ASD diagnosis, since their initial referral?*

*C. What were the longest three wait times for these children to receive an ASD diagnosis, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 7**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2021, how many children with suspected autism received a first assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a first assessment appointment, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 8**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2021, how many children with suspected autism received a second assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a second diagnostic appointment, since their first appointment?*

**QUESTION 9**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2021, how many children with suspected autism received an ASD diagnosis?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive an ASD diagnosis, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 10**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2020, how many children with suspected autism received a first assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a first assessment appointment, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 11**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2020, how many children with suspected autism received a second assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a second diagnostic appointment, since their first appointment?*

**QUESTION 12**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2019, how many children with suspected autism received an ASD diagnosis?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive an ASD diagnosis, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 13**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2020, how many children with suspected autism received an ASD diagnosis?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive an ASD diagnosis, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 14**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2019, how many children with suspected autism received a first assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a first assessment appointment, since their initial referral?*

**QUESTION 15**

*A. In the year up to 31 March 2019, how many children with suspected autism received a second assessment appointment?*

*B. What was the average wait time for these children to receive a second diagnostic appointment, since their first appointment?*

Trust response:

These children are managed by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust do not provide this service within acute paediatrics.