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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Autism Referral Times, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. In your area, how many people who were referred for a diagnostic assessment had the assessment started within 3 months of their referral in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19? Please provide this information as a number and as a percentage. [The CCG has implemented a Neurodevelopmental pathway, Autism is part of that pathway, data we hold has been from the introduction of the pathway \(January 2018\). All referrals that come through the pathway are generally triaged by a multi-agency panel within 1 week and then requests from appropriate services are made, diagnostic assessment is through multi-agency assessments rather than a single diagnostic assessment. Waiting times vary from 6 weeks to 17 weeks depending on the service.](#)
2. What was the median wait from referral to the start of the diagnostic assessment in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19? [We do not hold this information](#)
3. What was the longest wait from referral to the start of diagnostic assessment in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19? [We do not hold this information](#)
4. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from referral to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
5. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from referral to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
6. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from the start of diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)

7. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from the start of diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
8. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from the completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
9. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from the completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
10. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from referral to the start of the diagnostic assessment? [We do not hold this information](#)
11. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from referral to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)
12. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from the start of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)

As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis? [We do not hold this information](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,



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