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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014523 – Autism waiting times

What is your current autism waiting time (average, shortest, longest) referral to diagnosis for children?

The Trust does not have a specific autism clinic. They are part of our Emotional and Behaviour (E&B) clinic. At present our standard waiting time for an E&B clinic appointment is 13 weeks in accordance with the polling range.

Our longest waiting time is 18 weeks and our shortest waiting time is 14 weeks. E&B includes any behavioural problem (which includes Autism, ASD, ADHD, Sleep-related problems)

Can you break this down to referral to first appointment and give the waiting time (average, shortest, longest)?

As above, we don't have separate autism diagnostic criteria or clinics, which are all under one roof as E&B problem

How many children are awaiting diagnosis currently? Please can you break down the number of children with a booked future appointment and those waiting without an appointment?

As stated above, it is not possible to show the breakdown

Can you provide a copy of the diagnosis pathway, please?

The Trust does not have a specific diagnosis pathway, but we do follow NICE guideline. If the criteria fits, we refer the child to Children's Assessment Unit (which is run by the Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust) for Autism/ASD assessment. Children who are more than 5 years of age are referred to the CAMHS team for further assessment