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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014673 – Autism

I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

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

What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism has been referred?

What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism has been referred?

How many adults were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18?

How many children were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in in 2017/18?

What was the average waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?

What was the average waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?

How many adults referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?

How many children referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?

**The Trust does not have a diagnostic clinic for autism in adults, therefore it is not possible to answer the FOI on waiting times etc.**

**Currently the diagnostic clinic for adults is provided by Black Country Partnership and assessments are commissioned on an individual basis.**

**The Trust does not have a specific autism clinic for children. 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 problems (which includes Autism, ASD, ADHD, Sleep-related problems)**