



17 January 2025

Our Ref: FOI 33

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Waiting Lists for Children's ADHD Assessments**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 17 September 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services and Social Work Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

Q1. The number of children/young people on the NHS waiting list for ASD assessment from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/23, 2023/24 and if 2024/25 is available.

A1. Please see Table 1 for the number of children/young people on the Trust waiting list for ASD assessments from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.

Table 1

On Waiting List at:	No. of Children/ Young People
01/04/2022	115
01/04/2023	183
01/11/2023	143
01/11/2024	329

Q2. The average waiting time for assessment on the NHS waiting list for ASD assessment from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/23, 2023/24 and if 2024/25 is available.

A2. Please see Table 2 for the average waiting time for an assessment on the Trust waiting list for ASD assessments from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025. This is the average time for young person to be waiting on first element of their assessment, post clinical triage.

Table 2

Financial Year	Average Wait in Days
2022/2023	73
2023/2024	56
2024/2025 (as at October 2024)*	153

Q3. The number of children/young people on the NHS waiting list for ADHD assessment from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/23, 2023/24 and if 2024/25 is available.

A3. Please see Table 3 for the number of children/young people on the Trust waiting list for ADHD assessments from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.

Table 3

On Waiting List at:	No. of Children/ Young People
01/04/2022	735
01/04/2023	909
01/11/2023*	1079
01/11/2024*	1502

Q4. The average waiting time for assessment on the NHS waiting list for ADHD assessment from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/23, 2023/24 and if 2024/25 is available.

A4. Please see Table 4 for the average waiting time for an assessment on the Trust waiting list for ADHD assessments from the date of referral to the date of assessment for 2022/2023 to 2024/2025. This is the average time for young person to be waiting on first element of their assessment, post clinical triage.

Table 4

Financial Year	Average Wait in Days
2022/2023	467
2023/2024	258
2024/2025 (as at October 2024)*	482**

** Please note ADHD apply an expedition criteria, the longest wait is almost 3 years.

ADHD assessment process usually requires 1-2 appointments, however there are approximately 2350 children and young people requiring ongoing management and intervention from the Children's ADHD service, post diagnosis.