

13 May 2021

Our Ref: RFI 38653

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information on Targeted/Waiting Times for a Neurodiversity Assessment
For a Possible Diagnosis of ADHD and ASD**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 17 April 2021. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding. Thank you for your patience.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the children's Service 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

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Information Governance Assistant

My request is regarding the targeted waiting times (ideally, how long it should take for a child to be seen after referral) and the actual waiting times for a neurodiversity assessment for a possible diagnosis of ADHD and ASD

Children and Adolescents:

Q1. *The service level agreement or target used by the CAMHT or similar team for diagnostic appointments where ADHD and an Autistic Spectrum Condition is suspected (i.e. the time between referral from a clinician to an appointment).*

A1. Currently there is no service level agreement or target in place, where a dual diagnosis is being assessed.

Q2. *The average waiting time for a diagnostic appointment for ADHD and Autistic Spectrum Conditions (i.e. Autism, Asperger's) in the last year.*

A2. The average waiting time for a first appointment on this pathway is 73 days. The assessment process is complex and will require a number of appointments, to complete.

Q3. *The number of cases handled by the service in the last year.*

A3. There have been 76 cases open to this pathway in the last year.