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## Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 270-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about autism. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. What diagnostic methodology do you use for adult female diagnosis of High Functioning Autism?  
**The Trust does not hold this information.**
2. Who does the assessments- clinical psychologists or nurse practitioners?  
**A variety of registered professionals complete the assessments, all with clinical backgrounds that are appropriate and all have specific diagnostic training. They are all ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) trained (standardised assessments) and are familiar with ASC (Autism Spectrum Condition) tools.**
3. The current waiting time for assessment?  
**The current wait (Referral to Assessment) is 32 weeks (this has reduced by 8 weeks since 2016) and work continues to reduce this.**

Yours sincerely,

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