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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 335-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about Autism referrals and assessments. Please find our response below.

Please note – the following numbers are calculated using only referrals to the Adult Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) team and the Children and Young People Service (CYPS) Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) teams as they are the only way in which we identify referrals for Autism. The CYPS ASD team data will result in representation of pre-school aged referrals and assessments only as we do not hold information on the autism referrals of post pre-school children.

What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism has been referred?
There are no waiting time targets. Instead we are commissioned to provide a number of assessments per year.

What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism has been referred?
We have the 18 week Referral To Treatment (RTT) Key Performance Indicators (KPI) but not specifically for autism.

How many adults were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18? 286

How many children were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in in 2017/18? 91

What was the average waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18? 144 days

What was the average waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18? 8 days

How many adults referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment? 241

How many children referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment? 7

Yours sincerely,

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