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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_205_26

You asked:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Autism diagnoses

For each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, please provide the total number of children (under 18) who received a confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) during that period.

Please present the figures broken down by calendar year.

Autism referrals (demand)

For each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, please provide the total number of new referrals received for an autism diagnostic assessment for children (under 18 years of age).

Please present the figures broken down by calendar year.

Autism assessment waiting times

As of 31 March 2026, please provide:

1. Number of children (under 18) waiting for an autism diagnostic assessment.
2. The mean and median waiting time (in weeks) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children (under 18).
3. The longest waiting time (in weeks) recorded in the last 5 years (since 2022) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children (under 18), based on completed cases.

Our response:

Autism diagnoses

The total number of children under the age of 18 who have received a diagnosis of Autism is as follows.

Year	ASD
2022	162
2023	326
2024	627
2025	1010
01st Jan-31st Mar 2026	295

Autism referrals (demand)

The total number of new referrals received for an Autism diagnosis for children under the age of 18 is as follows:

Year	ASD	ASD/ADHD
2022	564	387
2023	925	455
2024	978	460
2025	853	564
01 st Jan-31 st Mar 2026	152	114

Please note that between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026, the service received 246 referrals that are awaiting triage and have therefore not yet been assigned a clinical condition.

Autism assessment waiting times

As of 31 March 2026:

1. The number of children (under 18) waiting for an autism diagnostic assessment is 1309, comorbid ASD/ADHD is 905 and a further 385 awaiting a clinical condition.
2. The mean and median waiting time (in weeks) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children under the age of 18 is:

Mean Waiting time (in weeks)	88
Median Waiting time (in weeks)	97

3. The longest waiting time (in weeks) recorded in the last 5 years (since 2022) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children (under 18), based on completed case is 116 weeks recorded in January 2023.