

Freedom of Information request 113-18

Request

1. How many patients from your health board were referred for Autism Spectrum Disorder assessment between 1/1/2017 and 1/1/2018?
2. Of these patients how many have been offered and assessment date?
3. What is the average waiting time for ASD assessment once referred?
4. How many assessment teams do you have and where do they operate?

Response

1. In 2017 40 children were referred for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment.
2. Of these children 13 were assessed.
3. The average waiting time to individual assessment is 28 weeks.
4. There is one assessment team for children, based at the Andrew Lang Unit, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Please note we are unable to provide data on adult ASD assessments as this level of detail is not held electronically and to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **113-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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