

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.838
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Thank you for your email received 21 May 2021 requesting information regarding disabled children's occupational therapy (OT) services.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

- 1) ***What is the current average timeframe from referral of a disabled child to the OT service and the comprehensive assessment of their needs by an OT?***
- 2) ***At the time of answering this request, how many disabled children are currently waiting for an assessment?***
- 3) ***At the time of answering this request, what currently is the longest waiting time from referral for an assessment for a Disabled child?***

Our electronic patient record system does not provide a routine identification of whether a child referred to the Children's Therapies Service is disabled. Referrals to the Kent Children's Therapies Service are also not broken down by profession (although they are for the East Sussex Children's Therapies Service).

To gather the information you have requested would require manually reviewing the record of each child currently waiting for an assessment by the Child Therapies Teams. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

I have detailed below the relevant excerpt:

Section 12

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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