

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.184
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Thank you for your email received 2 October 2022 requesting information regarding autism.

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

Summary of your original request:

1. How many children and young people with possible autism who were referred for a diagnostic assessment had the assessment started within 3 months of their referral? Please provide this information as a number and as a percentage for the following date periods:

No child is diagnosed within 3 months.

Please note that we have provided calendar years below as this is the way the service records their data.

(a) April 2017-March 2018	Jan 2017 – Dec 2017	referred 665 – diagnosed 378
(b) April 2018-March 2019	Jan 2018 – Dec 2018	referred 923 – diagnosed 418
(c) April 2019-March 2020	Jan 2019 – Dec 2019	referred 1498 – diagnosed 215
(d) April 2020-March 2021	Jan 2020 – Dec 2020	referred 660 – booked 29
(e) April 2021-March 2022	Jan 2021 – Dec 2021	referred 677 – booked 34
(f) April 2022 – October 2022	Jan 2022 – Oct 2022	referred 928 – booked 42

2. What was a) the median and b) the longest wait for the start of the diagnostic assessment? I am requesting the data for the same time periods as detailed in question 1.

We do not hold information for this part of your request as this is not information that we record.

3. As of 1st October 2022, how many children and young people have been waiting longer than 18 weeks for an initial assessment and are still yet to be seen by the service?

1363 - 18-52 weeks

4. What is the current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS?

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not hold this information because we do not employ any psychiatrists. Should a child require such a referral, we would refer them to the children and young people's mental health service. Therefore, this question would need to be redirected to trusts running that service. In Kent this would be the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust.

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5. How long has the longest waiting child patient been waiting in months and years?

Not applicable as we do not employ any psychiatrists

6. What is the current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS?

Average current wait time for an online ADHD assessment (via Psychiatry UK) is 6 months.
Average current wait time for a face to face ADHD assessment (via Psicon) is 9 months.

7. How long has the longest waiting adult patient been waiting in months and years?

Approximately 7 months.