

Ref: CCG July 2016 003

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13th July 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 7th July 2016, with regards to Autism Assessments.

Request/**Response**

- 1) How many autism assessments were conducted in each of the last five years?
- 2) How many cases took over three months between a referral and a first appointment?
- 3) What was the longest wait for a first appointment?

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG) became a statutory body in April 2013; therefore any information prior to this date cannot be provided as it is not held by Liverpool CCG.

Your request should be redirected to the Department of Health at the following address:

Mb_legacy_records@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Unfortunately LCCG cannot provide you with the information you have requested for the following reasons:

1. ***During the past two years LCCG have been developing a new offer and pathway for children and young persons with neuro developmental conditions (ASD, ADHD, Sensory processing difficulties).***
2. ***A performance monitoring framework is currently in development based on contracts that have only recently been agreed.***

I would recommend that you re-direct your request to our providers to complete. Unfortunately they may have difficulty as the autism pathway requires a tri-partite assessment (psychology, medical and speech and communication).

The two big providers involved in this are Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust (AH) and Liverpool Community Health (LCH). LCH were the lead provider until last year when it transitioned over to AH as part of new developments. LCH may have some data for numbers diagnosed as they led the tri-partite diagnostic panel until last year.

Their contact details are:

Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust:

***Information Governance
Wilkinson Place,
Wavertree Technology Park
Liverpool
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foi@liverpoolch.nhs.uk

Alder Hay Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust:

***Information Governance Coordinator
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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead
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