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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Autism diagnostic wait times

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 6th April 2022.

You Asked for:

I'd like to request information from each of your CCGs regarding the length of time it takes children referred with suspected autism to get a first diagnostic appointment.

1. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism received a first diagnostic appointment in the year up to 31 March 2022?
 - b. How many of these children waited more than 13 weeks for that first appointment?
 - c. What was the average wait time?
 - d. What were the longest three wait times for these children?
2. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism received a first diagnostic appointment in the year up to 31 March 2021?
 - b. How many of these children waited more than 13 weeks for that first appointment?
 - c. What was the average wait time?
3. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism received a first diagnostic appointment in the year up to 31 March 2021?
 - b. How many of these children waited more than 13 weeks for that first appointment?
 - c. What was the average wait time?
4. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism received a first diagnostic appointment in the year up to 31 March 2020?
 - b. How many of these children waited more than 13 weeks for that first appointment?
 - c. What was the average wait time?
5. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism received a first diagnostic appointment in the year up to 31 March 2029?
 - b. How many of these children waited more than 13 weeks for that first appointment?
 - c. What was the average wait time?
6. Please can I ask:
 - a. How many children with suspected autism are currently waiting for their first diagnostic appointment?

- b. What is the average wait time for these children?
- c. How many of these children have been waiting for more than 13 weeks?
- d. What are the longest three wait times for these children?

Our Response:

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. Please can I suggest that you contact the provider, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH), directly? I have included their contact details, should you wish to do so.

WUTH - wih-tr.AccessstoInformationOffice@nhs.net

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team, (contact details at the top of this letter).

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