

Ref: FOI/00395/CMICB
26 May 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ASD Waiting Times**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I can provide you with the following information held and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

Current typical waiting time for an ASD assessment (Autism Spectrum Disorder or Condition), for a child or young person, having been referred by a GP, health visitor, or other point of referral. (for clarity, if a child was referred on 1st January and had to wait until 30th June for their assessment appointment, this would be a wait of 180 days)

Our Response:

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold data on the typical waiting time currently for an ASD assessment for Children & Young People (CYP) following referral. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the commissioned providers of CYP ASD assessment services in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB, which are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

Cheshire

- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust*
cwp.foi@nhs.net
- *East Cheshire NHS Trust*
ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net
- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk

- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*
bchft.foi@nhs.net

Halton

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*
bchft.foi@nhs.net

Knowsley

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

Liverpool

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

Sefton

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk

St Helens

CYP ASC assessment and diagnosis services in St Helens is a multi-agency pathway with services provided by:

- *St Helens Borough Council*
www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6525/Raise-a-Freedom-of-Information-request

- *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*
foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk

- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Warrington

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*
bchft.foi@nhs.net

Wirral

- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust*
cwp.foi@nhs.net

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

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.