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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

Please could you kindly provide the following information:

- 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)

- If the areas covered by your ICB mean that there is more than one answer to the above, please provide answers for all cases.

Service	Overview	Average waiting time (weeks)
Children and Young People (CYP) - Behavioural & Emotional Health (BEH) City	The service is part of the CYP neurodevelopmental pathway and is commissioned to provide pre and post diagnostic support for Autism and ADHD to children and young people (up to 18 years) and their families/carers in Nottingham City. The service provides a package of care in line with NICE guidance of workshops, parenting programs and 1:1s to support a robust diagnostic assessment with Community Paediatrics. <i>The waiting times in the table are for the whole service and not solely for autism assessments.</i>	19
Children and Young People (CYP) -Neurodevelopment Behavioural Service (NBS)	The service is part of the CYP neurodevelopmental pathway and is commissioned to provide	34 - 62

County	pre and post diagnostic support for Autism and ADHD to children and young people (up to 18 years) and their families/carers in Nottinghamshire County. The service provides a package of care in line with NICE guidance of workshops, parenting programs and 1:1s to support a robust diagnostic assessment with Community Paediatrics. <i>The waiting times in the table are for the whole service and not solely for autism assessments.</i>	
Children and Young People (CYP) - Community Paediatrics – Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	The service is part of the CYP neurodevelopmental pathway in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County and provides assessment and treatment for a range of conditions including Autism, ADHD, DCD, Learning Disabilities, and physical health issues such as continence difficulties and growth problems. Referrals for Autism assessment will be received from the BEH and NBS teams. <i>The waiting times in the table are for the whole service and not solely for autism assessments.</i>	20.7
Children and Young People (CYP) - Community Paediatrics – Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	The service is part of the CYP neurodevelopmental pathway in Nottinghamshire County and provides assessment and treatment for a range of conditions including Autism, ADHD, DCD, Learning Disabilities, and physical health issues such as continence difficulties and growth problems. Referrals for Autism assessment will be received from the NBS team. <i>The waiting times in the table are for the whole service and not solely for autism assessments.</i>	10 - 20
CYP – Community Paediatrics – Doncaster and Bassetlaw	The service is part of the General Developmental Assessment	43.4

Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	(GDA) pathway in Bassetlaw and provides assessment and treatment for a range of conditions including Autism, ADHD, DCD, Learning Disabilities, and physical health issues such as continence difficulties and growth problems. Referrals for Autism assessment will be received from the NBS team. <i>The waiting times in the table are for the whole service and not solely for autism assessments.</i>	
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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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