

FOI 8686 - Attachment 1

1. How many diagnoses of Autism were given to children (under 18 years of age) in 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018?

A section 12 exemption has been applied.

2. What is the current waiting time, from referral to assessment, for a child awaiting an Autism assessment? Please sort this data into male and female wait times.

A section 12 exemption has been applied to the breakdown by gender.

The UHB confirms that the average waiting time for a child, aged under eighteen (18), for an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment is seventy three (73) weeks.

3. How many children (under 18 years of age) are currently waiting for an assessment by your children's neurodevelopmental (ND) services?

The UHB confirms that there are 1,777 children, aged under eighteen (18), waiting for an assessment by the Neurodevelopmental Service.

- a. Of those children waiting, how many are waiting for an Autism assessment by your health board?

The UHB confirms that all of the 1,777 children, aged under eighteen (18), are waiting for an ASD assessment.

4. What percentage of children were seen within the waiting time target of 26 weeks from referral to assessment? Please provide data for 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the percentages of children, aged under eighteen (18) that were seen within the target time of twenty six (26) weeks from referral to assessment, for the calendar years 2018 to 2021.

Calendar year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Percentage	28.98%	31.14%	28.16%	19.57%

5. At what age do you begin assessing children for Autism?

The UHB confirms that it begins assessments for ASD from two (2) years of age.