

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/176
Children Diagnosed with Autism

Information Requested:

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

- 2018 - 166
- 2019 - 171
- 2020 - 184
- 2021 - 333

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.

- Boy - 136 weeks
- Girl - 133 weeks

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

Total 1271 (all assessed for neuro diversity)

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

947 triaged with ASD concerns

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.

- 2018 - 48%
- 2019 - 26%
- 2020 - 17%
- 2021 - 20%

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

Currently we have children from 1 on the waiting list, so if urgent could be seen aged 1.

