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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Can you please tell me the average initial appointment wait times for pre-school children who have been referred for a developmental assessment at the Scott Unit.**

**To clarify - for those who received an initial appointment for the months below, how long had they been waiting before their appointment.**

**June 2023**

**July 2023**

**August 2023**

**September 2023**

**October 2023**

**The average wait time for an autism assessment after the initial appointment at the Scott Unit.**

We do not hold this information.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. Services provided by the Scott Unit is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

[foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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