

FOI REF: 24/302

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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:

- 1. The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment from East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service 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@spft.nhs.uk

- 2. The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving the final outcome of an autism assessment (i.e. a positive or negative diagnosis) from East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

Not applicable.

- 3. The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses through East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

Not applicable.

- 4. What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who receive an autism diagnosis through East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

Not applicable.

- 5. What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who undergo an assessment for autism through East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust but do not receive a diagnosis.**

Not applicable.

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6. What standardised tools are currently used by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for the screening and/or triage of children who seek an autism assessment.

Not applicable.

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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