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Thank you for your request concerning Autism pathways.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. Details of the current Autism diagnostic pathways for adults and children’s services

We do not diagnose Autism for children¹; they would be signposted to Lifespan at the Tavistock and Portman Trust.

We provide ASD diagnostic services for adults in North East, Mid & West Essex IAPT services and Hertfordshire Wellbeing.

2. Who is the current provider of these services?

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is the provider of this service.

3. What waiting times are to be expected in 2018?

	Waiting Times
Mid & West Essex	Current waiting times are between 5 and 14 weeks.
North East Essex	Waiting times vary depending on the number of people referred at any point in time; current waiting time from referral of diagnostic assessment is approximately 15-20 weeks.
Hertfordshire	The average waiting time for ASD assessments 16.5 months (across 4 quadrants)

4. How many diagnoses were made; adults and children, from 2016 to current year, 2018?

	Number of Adults diagnosed from April 2016 to November 2018
Mid & West Essex	134
North East Essex	197
Hertfordshire	Approximately 100

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

5. **Who is involved in the process of diagnosing individuals, in terms of professional background?"**

	Professionals involved in the diagnosing process
Mid & West Essex	Clinical Psychologists, Psychiatrists and Advocate Navigators.
North East Essex	An appropriately qualified and experienced Clinical Psychologist.
Hertfordshire	Clinical Psychologists and Psychiatrists

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

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