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Thank you for your request concerning autism diagnosis waiting times.

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

#### **QUESTIONS:**

**Please could you provide me with the following information:**

- 1. In your area, how many people who were referred for a diagnostic assessment had the assessment started within 3 months of their referral in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19? Please provide this information as a number and as a percentage.**
- 2. What was the median wait from referral to the start of the diagnostic assessment in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19?**
- 3. What was the longest wait from referral to the start of diagnostic assessment in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19?**
- 4. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from referral to final diagnosis?**
- 5. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from referral to final diagnosis?**
- 6. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from the start of diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**
- 7. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from the start of diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**
- 8. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the median time from the completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**
- 9. Out of those who received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition in a) 2017-18 b) 2018-19, what was the longest time from the completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**
- 10. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from referral to the start of the diagnostic assessment?**
- 11. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from referral to final diagnosis?**
- 12. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from the start of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**
- 13. As of June 2019, what is the expected waiting time from completion of the diagnostic assessment to final diagnosis?**

#### **ANSWER**

As explained in our response of 19 December 2017 it is not possible for us to provide you with some of the requested information within the appropriate limit. Therefore Section 12 - Cost of compliance



exceeds the appropriate limit has been applied to the Hertfordshire and North East Essex services. Please follow this [link](#) to FOI 2764 our previous response.

We are able to provide you with the adult data for Mid & West Essex. Please see attached pdf.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

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**Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

