

Reference: FOI.ICB-2425/443

Subject: Wheelchair services; Open Caseloads and Waiting Times

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>As you will be aware, the recently released Wheelchair Alliance report has highlighted the postcode lottery experienced by wheelchair users, and the many long waits. I am interested in the underlying data.</p> <p>Please provide the following information separately for each of the wheelchair services in your area. This data is 'essential' or 'basic' information relating to each referral and should be easily extracted from the relevant Case Management System, Electronic Patient Record, or similar. Please feel free to provide the data in alternative formats, e.g. an Excel spreadsheet, if appropriate.</p>	
<p>1 Adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many open referrals does the service have for ADULTS? b) Of those open referrals, how many have been open for LESS than 18 weeks? c) Of those open referrals, how many have open for MORE than 18 weeks? d) Of those open referrals, how many have been open for MORE than 52 weeks? e) Of those open referrals, how many are 'low need' (per NHS Wheelchair Data Collection definition)? f) Of those open referrals, how many are 'medium need'? g) Of those open referrals, how many are 'high need'? h) Of those open referrals, how many are 'specialist need'? 	<p>All requested data is published online: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/</p>

<p>i) Of those open referrals, how many are for powered wheelchairs?</p>	
<p>2 Children and Young People:</p> <p>a) How many open referrals does the service have for CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE?</p> <p>b) Of those open referrals, how many have been open for LESS than 18 weeks?</p> <p>c) Of those open referrals, how many have open for MORE than 18 weeks?</p> <p>d) Of those open referrals, how many have been open for MORE than 52 weeks?</p> <p>e) Of those open referrals, how many are 'low need' (per NHS Wheelchair Data Collection definition)?</p> <p>f) Of those open referrals, how many are 'medium need'?</p> <p>g) Of those open referrals, how many are 'high need'?</p> <p>h) Of those open referrals, how many are 'specialist need'?</p> <p>i) Of those open referrals, how many are for powered wheelchairs?</p>	

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 19 March 2025 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.