

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/342

Subject: Autism Assessments for Children

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

| QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting data regarding the waiting times for autism assessments for children. Please provide the following information for each year from 2015 – 2025 (I understand the 2025 data might not be ready yet!) | |
| 1. The number of referrals received for autism assessments for children (breaking down into age groups of 0-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10 years+) | The ICB does not hold this information. Please contact the provider directly: sirona.hello@nhs.net |
| 2. The average waiting time from referral to assessment. Breaking down each stage of process from referral, initial consultation, diagnostic assessment and final report | |
| 3. The number of referrals that met NHS waiting time target (13 weeks) | |
| 4. What is the longest recorded waiting time for an assessment in the past year? | |

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| 5. The number of children currently on the waiting list | |
| 6. How much funding has been allocated to children's autism assessments in each of the past 10 years? | Sirona Care and Health CiC deliver Autism assessments to children and young people in BNSSG through the Children's Community Health Partnership contract. The contract is on a block payment and therefore a service value for the delivery of Autism assessments is not available. |
| 7. What is the current staffing level for autism assessment teams? | The ICB does not hold this information. Please contact the provider directly: sirona.hello@nhs.net |

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 January 2026 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.