

Our Ref: 248

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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
 - Doncaster under 5's ASD pathway 432 days
 - Doncaster over 5's ASD pathway 1092 days
 - Bassetlaw ASD pathway 684 days
- 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 Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
 - As Q1 plus 4 weeks for assessment to take place plus a further 6 weeks for report writing
- The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses through Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
 - Doncaster under 5's ASD pathway -98% positive diagnosis
 - Doncaster over 5's ASD pathway- 77% positive diagnosis
 - Bassetlaw ASD pathway- 73% positive diagnosis

What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who receive an autism diagnosis through Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

- Detailed feedback is given following assessment and further recommendations if necessary
- A support services leaflet is given
- Families are signposted to Doncaster Autism Service. This is for 1:1 post diagnosis sessions for individuals who have just received an ASD diagnosis. There are also some useful workshops available.
- Doncaster Parent's Voice for support
- What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who undergo an assessment for autism through Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust but do not receive a diagnosis.
 - Detailed feedback is given following an assessment
 - Parents/Carers may be signposted to relevant services following recommendations
 - Parents/Carers can access Doncaster autism service workshops and Doncaster Parent's Voice support service
- What standardised tools are currently used by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the screening and/or triage of children who seek an autism assessment.
 - Graduated approach must be evidenced by school/setting
<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/graduated-approach>
 - Referrals are initially screened by multiagency panel
 - Referrals that are passed to the Autism pathway are then screened by clinicians for suitability