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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Autism in the Early Years within NHS South Sefton CCG.

### Request/[Response](#):

1. For a child under-5 with suspected autism in your CCG area, what is the duration in weeks or months from receipt of referral to a diagnosis appointment?
2. What was the number of children aged 0 - 5 receiving a formal diagnosis of autism in your CCG area in the last full year for which records are available?
3. How many children aged 0-5 are currently on the waiting list for an ASD diagnostic assessment in your CCG area?

[For questions 1-3 – NHS South Sefton CCG does not hold this information; you may wish to refer your query to –](#)

[Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust](#)  
[Info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:Info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk)

4. Does your CCG area have a local autism strategy group as recommended by the NICE guidelines (Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s: recognition, referral and diagnosis).

[Yes – There is a ASD network of key stakeholders and providers within Sefton.](#)