

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/479

Subject: Autism Waiting Times

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for children.</p>	<p>Questions 1-7 & 10-12: The ICB does not hold this information.</p>
<p>2. The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for adults.</p>	<p>Please contact our provider for adult Autism services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon & Wiltshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (AWP). Please contact them directly: awp.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
<p>3. 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) in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for children.</p>	<p>Please contact our provider for children’s Autism services:</p>
<p>4. 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) in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for adults.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirona care & health Email: sirona.hello@nhs.net

<p>5. The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for children.</p>	<p>Question 8:</p>
<p>6. The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for adults.</p>	<p>AWP is commissioned to provide a post diagnosis service, further information can be found here: https://www.awp.nhs.uk/our-services/specialist-services/bristol-autism-spectrum-service/bristol-autism-spectrum-service/bass-post-diagnostic-service</p>
<p>7. What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who receive an autism diagnosis through Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS.</p>	<p>Any further referrals will be determined by mental health professional.</p>
<p>8. What support and further referral is routinely offered to adults in who receive an autism diagnosis through Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS.</p>	<p>Question 9:</p>
<p>9. What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who undergo an assessment for autism through Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS but do not receive a diagnosis.</p>	<p>A number of support services are available in BNSSG aimed at supporting children and young people with suspected and confirmed autism. These services do not require a referral or diagnosis to be accessed by patients/their families and are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BCC Bristol Autism Team: Communication and Social Interaction (COSI) Team - South Gloucestershire Parent Carers CIC: 360 Degrees Project - Neuroteachers Ltd: The Autism and Social Communication Knowledge (ASK) Project - SEND Information and Advice Service – SEND and You - NeonDaisy: Online Resources & Nature Club Pilot
<p>10. What support and further referral is routinely offered to adults who undergo an assessment for autism through Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS but do not receive a diagnosis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bristol Autism Support - Can't Sit Still: The Being Me Club - Bridging the Gap Together: Minecraft, Craft, Chat & Photography Project
<p>11. What standardised tools are currently used in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for the screening and/or triage of children who seek an autism assessment.</p>	

<p>12. What standardised tools are currently used in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire for the screening and/or triage of adults who seek an autism assessment.</p>	<p>If a patient is not diagnosed as having autism but is assessed to have other clinical or support needs, further referrals and/or signposting to support services will be made as appropriate.</p> <p>BNSSG also commission an Autism Intensive Service, which is delivered by AWP as sub-contract holder to deliver Childrens and Adolescents Mental Health Services as part of the Children's Community Health Partnership contract held by Sirona care & health.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 5 April 2024 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.