

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to your request sent [REDACTED]^h May 2016. OUHFT can confirm that it holds some of the data that you requested.

OUHFT provides Autism diagnostic assessment to preschool children. School age children are assessed by the CAMHS (Oxford Health).

When children are initially referred to us they are not necessarily sent for Autism assessment but present to us in many forms of developmental difficulties. These children are therefore seen initially in the Neuro disability outpatient clinics and most of these initial assessments take place within 3 months. Following this initial assessment those who are thought to have possible autism are brought in for more detailed Multidisciplinary assessments in the Children's Hospital.

We don't have data for average waiting times or the duration of longest wait for these children. The numbers of children assessed through multidisciplinary assessment are presented below:

2013 – 91
2014 – 110
2015 - 133
2016 (Jan-March) 33.

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.

Internal review

If you are dissatisfied with the service or response to your request you can ask for an internal review by writing to:

[REDACTED] Director of Assurance, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU.

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The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
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Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,