

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2024.493**

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Thank you for your email dated 23 March 2024 requesting information regarding ADHD and ASD assessments.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

**Original request:**

***Please provide details of the decision or other type of authority that enables you to impose an 18 month waiting time for child ADHD and ASD assessments.***

Information explaining the reasons for the current ADHD and ASD assessment for children is readily available on our public website and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act “information accessible to applicant by other means”. The relevant excerpt from the Act is detailed below:

**21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority’s publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Please refer to <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/community-paediatrics/>, in particular the short video message by Pippa White, the Head of Service for community paediatrics.

The following link provides more detailed information around the paediatric waiting times: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/community-paediatrics/paediatric-timelines/>

***Please also provide the impact assessment for such wait time and details of any SLAs that are relevant to assessment time scales and the legal or regulatory basis of such SLAs.***

Impact assessments are currently being worked on and are not yet available for release.

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We do not have any SLAs regarding the waiting list timeframes, therefore we do not hold any information for this part of your request. We can advise we are managing waiting times against clinical priority, in line with agreements with Kent and Medway ICB.