



3 May 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 000359

I refer to your email of 8 April requesting information in respect of children's autism services.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

Request

Question 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?

Question 2 - What was the number of children aged 0 - 5 receiving a formal diagnosis of autism in the local area in the last full year for which records are available?

Question 3 - What was the average age of these children at the point of formal diagnosis?

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

Response

1, 2 and 3 - The information sought is not held by the CCGs. The provider organisations, James Paget University Hospital and Norfolk Health Community and Care, should be able to assist you further and can be contacted at <https://www.jpaget.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-of-information/> and <http://www.norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.nhs.uk/>

4 - There is an all age autism board in Norfolk at which all the above CCGs are represented.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM CSU
FOI Team, Room 18
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Newbold Road
Chesterfield
S41 7PF

Email agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneyccgs@nhs.net

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,
North Norfolk, South Norfolk
Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs**