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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 8 April 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, to the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group relating to Autism in the early years. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number and I shall be pleased to offer any further assistance that you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker

Data Protection Officer

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

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?

Response:

I can advise that NHS Dorset CCG does not hold the information requested. To access the information you require I suggest you make your request to the provider, Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust via the following contact details:

foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk

Q2:

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?

Response:

Please see response to Q1.

Q3:

How many children aged 0-5 are currently on the waiting list for an ASD diagnostic assessment in your CCG area?

Response:

Please see response to Q1.

Q4:

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*).

Response:

Yes, the CCG holds an ASD Partnership Board.