

**NCC-046214-20 FOI Autism diagnosis**

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, please see response below from the department/s

This appears that this information is not held by us and is something that the NHS may hold.

NCC only find out about Autism diagnosis where social care is involved via the pathway to provision threshold or ICDS via Educational health care plans. This information would need to be extracted by individual records and would exceed the threshold under s12 of the act.

*Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act **allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information** if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations.*

*This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded as it would require more than 24 hours work. We are sorry we are unable to help on this occasion*

We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details, we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link) <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. un regulated / care / home etc.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottscc.gov.uk) .

Kind Regards  
Complaints and Information Team  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
County Hall

Dear

The information request regarding the diagnosis of autism in children in your area. If I have sent this to the wrong organisation please let me know who commissions autism service in your area.

Do you have an overall coordinator for children's autism diagnosis if so who is it?

Do you have children autism service development plan so where can I find a copy?

How is the children's autism diagnosis funded.

How are the NHS ,social services and education input to diagnosis coordinated in

1. For each age group pre school, primary school ,secondary school please tell the following relate to the NICE guidelines
  - i. Do the criteria used the diagnosis match the standards expected by Nice Clinical guideline [CG128]
  - ii. The nice guidelines expect you should Start the autism diagnostic assessment within 3 months of the referral to the autism team.?  
Does your area meet this target if not how long is the wait ?
  - iii. NICE say In each area a multidisciplinary group (the autism team) should be set up. The core membership should include a:
    1. paediatrician and/or child and adolescent psychiatrist  
What is the grade and speciality for this team member(if more than one the professional lead)?
    2. speech and language therapist (if more than one the professional lead)?  
What is the grade for this team member(if more than one the professional lead)?
    3. clinical and/or educational psychologist. (if more than one the professional lead)?  
What is the grade and speciality for this team member(if more than one the professional lead)?
  - iv. Nice say The autism team should either have the skills (or have access to professionals that have the skills) needed to carry out an autism diagnostic assessment, for children and young people with special circumstances including: coexisting conditions such as severe visual and hearing impairments, motor disorders including cerebral palsy, severe learning (intellectual) disabilities, complex language disorders or complex mental health disorders  
  
How and from who is this expertise accessed
  - v. Nice require each diagnostic assessment consideration of the differential diagnosis who assesses the possibility of the following
    1. a learning (intellectual) disability or global developmental delay
    2. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
    3. Anxiety disorder
    4. Attachment disorders
    5. Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)
    6. Psychosis.
    7. Motor Coordination Problems or Development coordination disorder.

thank you