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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-037394-19
Supporting children who are autistic**

Thank you for your request for information relating to how the authority supports children who are autistic I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

*** Please provide a copy of your policy for dealing with assessments of disabled children by your children with disabilities team. The relevant department will be Children's Services or equivalent.** This would be the pathway to provision level 4, alongside the CDS criteria which includes ASD. Assessments can be offered at level 3, i.e. early help, Family Service, early support service and short breaks assessment and review team. Please see here for further information : <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-children-and-families-alliance/pathway-to-provision>

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/126955/childrens-disability-service-threshold-criteria-for-childrens-social-care.pdf>

*** How do you assess and support children who are autistic but have no other disability? Please provide a copy of any policies you have for assessing and but who have no other disability.** ASD is included in our CDS criteria at level 4, please see the link above.

*** For the financial years (start of April to end of March) 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, please provide the number of children with autism who have been:**

- * declined an assessment by your children with disabilities team;**
- * referred to another team within Children's services for an assessment; and**
- * declined any assessment whatsoever in each of the financial years detailed above.**

I can confirm that the Council holds this information. However, this information is not recorded centrally in a way that would allow us to readily extract it and it would require a manual search of individual records to identify the detail you have requested.

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees

and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days or 18 hours. We estimate that it will take one officer more than 2.5 days to locate the information you have requested.

For example, we have identified that there are 381 case records for the period that you have requested and allowing for 10 minutes per record it will take 63 hours to extract the level of detail you have requested.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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

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Yours sincerely

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