

## FOI\_0519\_21/22 – FOI request concerning – Autism Assessment

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1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for autism assessment?
2. How long has the longest person been waiting?
3. How many assessments were carried out in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 (18th October)?

Please find our responses to Questions 1 to 3 in attached spreadsheet.



FOI\_0519\_Disclosure\_Spreadsheet.xlsx

Please note:

Data given is for Southampton Children's Autism assessment service. As a Trust, Solent do not assess for Autism in our Adult Mental Health service and we are not able to report for our Portsmouth CAMHS service as they do not assess specifically for Autism.

The number of assessments this year has significantly dropped as the Autism Service was closed 1st February 2021 – 4th September 2021.

The reason for such extra-long waiters is as it was decided that the top 30 would be completed by Autism Service clinicians, and those after this would be sent to Clinical Partners, however they have had difficulty with sickness/annual leave to book the appointments with the clinicians, but once they have released appointment slots for December these will be prioritised.