

## **FOI\_1491\_2023-24 – FOI Request specialist care for children and young people with asthma**

---

- 1. For children and young people with asthma referred by a GP or other community healthcare professionals, what is the waiting time for their first appointment or assessment by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?**  
Southampton – Commissioned to be seen within 12 weeks of receiving the referral, usually seen anywhere within 2-8 weeks of receiving the referral depending on carer / practitioner availability.  
Portsmouth – Commissioned to be seen within 4 weeks
- 2. For children and young people with asthma who has suffered an asthma attack and were admitted to hospital through the emergency department or as an emergency referral from a GP or other community healthcare professionals, what is the waiting time for their first appointment or assessment by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?**  
The waiting time is the same for all patients (as above). The asthma service is a non-urgent service that focuses on the long term management of asthma so we do not receive urgent referrals.
- 3. How many children and young people with asthma are currently patients receiving on-going care through your Outpatient system?**  
Southampton – 200 Children and Young People on the caseload  
Portsmouth – 198 Children and Young people on the caseload
- 4. How many children and young people in your Outpatient system are currently using some form of digital patient remote monitoring system prescribed to them by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?**  
None. This is more relevant to Tertiary level care centres.