

FOI 01479 – South Gloucestershire

Summary Issue – Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Adults & Children

Question	Response
1. How many adults you have with a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder (any, although if there are separate statistics for Asperger's, HFA, LFA, they would be appreciated) in your area;	There have been 44 requests for specialist assessments for people thought to have Aspergers over the past 3 years. We are not informed of the outcome so I do not have this information. This group does not include those people who meet the criteria for secondary mental health services or those who meet the criteria for specialist learning disability services
2. How many children;	NHS South Gloucestershire does not hold this information. We commission our community child health service from North Bristol NHS Trust. Should you wish to request information from them, a weblink is provided below for your assistance: http://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information
3. What diagnostic services are available to a) adults and b) children;	a) adults – refer to Question 6 response. b) children - North Bristol Trust have a multiagency pathway and run a specialist assessment nursery. Please see weblink.
4. What agencies or teams you have that work with autistic people, provide support/services, strategies, etc.	NHS South Gloucestershire does not hold this information. We commission our community child health service from North Bristol NHS Trust. Should you wish to request information from them, a weblink is provided below for your assistance: http://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information
5. An email address/website for each of these agencies or teams where possible.	NHS South Gloucestershire does not hold this information. We commission our community child health service from North Bristol NHS Trust. Should you wish to request information from them, a weblink is provided below for your assistance:

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<p>6. What the typical process should be for an adult in your area first asking their GP for an assessment for autistic spectrum disorder to receiving a diagnosis/support.</p>	<p>GP writes to PCT with basic details, requesting prior approval for funding on a case by case basis if appropriate both of which are sent to the Bristol Service. Arrangements are in hand to create a local off shoot of the Bristol Service (Bristol Autism Specialist Service) during this financial year, referral to which will be direct.</p>

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