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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 22 August making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

In relation to Autism-related referrals through CAMHS in Oxfordshire, I would like to know:

- What percentage of children diagnosed with Autism through CAMHS are currently accessing therapy/counselling or other services provided by the Trust?
- What is the average waiting time for a child, following diagnosis of ASD, to access further therapy through CAMHS? How do these waiting times compare to the national average?
- What factors are used to prioritise access to autism-related therapies?

**Response:**

1. As described in the NICE guidelines all children diagnosed by Oxford Health are offered a post-diagnostic group for parents, provided in partnership with Autism Family Support. There is no data on up-take of these groups overall, but 150 places are available per year and all of these were taken up this year. The Trust are developing alternative platforms for attendance, and are piloting an autism webinar so parents are offered the chance to attend remotely. It is hoped the first of these sessions take place in January 2019.

2. Oxford Health don't routinely measure wait time by diagnosis but the service estimate that currently there is a wait of 6-9 months for the post diagnostic groups.

3. Information is available on the Trust website via the following URL:

[https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/service\\_description/camhs-diagnostic-clinic-for-autism/](https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/service_description/camhs-diagnostic-clinic-for-autism/)

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 me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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