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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding children autism waiting time.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 May I request the following information for FOI, please:**

- **What is your current autism waiting time (average, shortest, longest) referral to diagnosis for children?**

A1 Information not held as UHNM is not a Mental Health Trust.

Mental health services are managed by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust. If you wish to redirect your request to the Trust you can do so by post or email as below:  
[communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk)

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Lawton House  
Bellringer Road  
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ST4 8HH

**Q2 Can you break this down to referral to first appointment and give the waiting time (average, shortest, longest)?**

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 How many children are awaiting diagnosis currently? Please can you break down the number of children with a booked future appointment and those waiting without an appointment?**

A3 Not applicable

**Q4 Can you provide a copy of the diagnosis pathway, please?**

A4 Not applicable

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

*R Carlisle*



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