

3 May 2023

Occupational Therapy and Disabled Children

1) What was the average timeframe from referral of a disabled child to the Occupational Therapy service to the comprehensive assessment of their needs by an Occupational Therapist?

The Community Paediatrics Occupational Therapy Service in Belfast Trust does not collect average timeframes from referral to assessment. The service collects information in line with the regional Integrated Elective Access Protocol as outlined below

From the date of receipt of this request (12 April 2023):

2) How many disabled children are currently waiting for an assessment?

The waiting list includes any child who requires an assessment regardless of a formal diagnosis or confirmed disability. On the 13 April 2023 the following number of children are on the waiting list:

Count of Paris ID Row Labels	Column Labels						Grand Total
	0-3 Weeks	3+ to 6 Weeks	6+ to 9 Weeks	9+ to 13 Weeks	13+ to 26 Weeks	26+ Weeks	
PAEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	24	42	35	40	113	154	408
Grand Total	24	42	35	40	113	154	408

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3) After being referred, what is the longest waiting time that a disabled child is currently waiting for an assessment?

The current longest wait, at 13 April 2023, from referral to assessment is currently 58 weeks.

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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We are only able to run a report on the waiting list based on a given date. On 31 March 2022 the following number of children were on the waiting list for assessment regardless of a formal diagnosis or confirmed disability.

Count of Paris ID	Time Waiting						Grand Total
	0-3 Weeks	3+ to 6 Weeks	6+ to 9 Weeks	9+ to 13 Weeks	13+ to 26 Weeks	26+ Weeks	
PAEDIATRIC COMMUNITY	40	29	37	42	110	30	288
Grand Total	40	29	37	42	110	30	288

3) After being referred, what is the longest waiting time that a disabled child is currently waiting for an assessment?

The longest wait, at 31 March 2022, from referral to assessment was 39 weeks.