

26 March 2026

## **Adult Social Services care wait times**

- 1. The median time (in days) taken to assess a referral made to adult social services for an assessment of needs. Please include new referrals as well as re-assessment of existing clients.**
- 2. The single longest wait (in days) taken to assess an individual after a referral to adult social services. Please include new referrals as well as reassessments. This should include any support package, whether delivered directly by social services or commissioned by them in any other way.**
- 3. The median time (in days) taken between the completion of assessment and the start of a service identified within their care and support. Please include new referrals as well as re-assessment of existing clients.**
- 4. The single longest wait (in days) between the completion of assessment and the start of a service identified within their care and support. This should include any support package, whether delivered directly by social services or commissioned by them in any other way.**
- 5. The number of people who have died awaiting the start of an initial package of social care in 2025/26.**

Under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we must advise that the information you have requested is not held. Belfast Trust does not record or collate adult social care waiting-time data, including median figures, in the format specified in your request and therefore we are unable to provide a response.

The request for median values would require consistently accurate data from all adult services, which is not possible as access to that level of detail is not available.