

FOI/28571

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Care Assessment waiting lists

1. The number of patients who have died each year since 2019 while waiting for a care assessment.

We currently do not record this information

2. The number of people currently waiting for a care assessment.

Older People's Services unallocated new referrals waiting allocation at end of December 2022: 521

Physical and Sensory Disability unallocated new referrals at end of December 2022: 24

3. The longest wait for anyone currently on the waiting list for a care assessment.

OPS Longest wait: 6 months

PSD Longest wait: 4 months (there is one outlying case of 23 weeks but that was due to the person being in hospital for several months and the referral has been kept open so that the family did not need to re-refer.

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^{*}Note all cases that are waiting are triaged and prioritised at point of referral and reviewed on weekly basis.

^{*} Unallocated cases and delays are due to regional pressures with recruitment of staff, high level of absence in the teams and the prioritisation of people who are at high risk, e.g. palliative or adult safeguarding cases.