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Children's ASD and ADHD Services

1) The total number of referrals made for diagnostic assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to child services (under 18 years of age) within Belfast HSC Trust over the past year?

The Child and Adolescent Autism Service received 2183 autism assessment referrals from January 2023 – January 2024.

2) The total number of referrals made for diagnostic assessment of Attentional Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) to child services (under 18 years of age) within the Belfast Trust over the past year?

The paediatric ADHD service is available for children up to the end of primary school, there is currently no commissioned service for post primary school age children.

There are approximately, on average, 650 referrals received yearly.

3) The current waiting time (average waiting time from referral to assessment appointment, and length of longest waiter) for ASD diagnostic assessment in child services within the Belfast Trust?

The waiting time is currently approximately 4.5 years, and length of longest waiter is 1660 days.

4) The current waiting time (average waiting time from referral to assessment appointment, and length of longest waiter) for ADHD diagnostic assessment in child services within the Belfast Trust?

The waiting time is currently approximately 4.5 years, however all children are re-prioritised on the 1 September of their P7 year to facilitate assessment prior to transfer to post-primary education, this can impact on the longest waiting time.