

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-534	18 th November 2022
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I am requesting the following information in accordance with the FOI Act:

- 1. How many children are waiting to be assessed for Autism Spectrum Disorder?**
669
- 2. How many of these have been waiting over six months?**
365
- 3. How many of these have been waiting over a year?**
96
- 4. How many of these have been waiting over 18 months?**
<5*
- 5. How many of these have been waiting over two years?**
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The numbers provided are up to 31st October 2022, where children have been identified for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment at the point of the neuro-developmental screening assessment.

*Please note Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.