

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for children.**  
62 weeks. Autism assessments happen at panel following information gathering from education settings, parents/guardians, reports from Community Paediatricians and Speech and Language Assessments. Cases can only be presented at panel once all of the information has been collated.
2. **The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving an autism assessment from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for adults.**  
The Trust does not have an adult autism service. Please redirect your questions to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Contact details can be found below.
3. **The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving the final outcome of an autism assessment (i.e. a positive or negative diagnosis) from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for children.**  
62 weeks. Outcomes of panel decisions are communicated to parents within 48 hours of the panel taking place.
4. **The median length of time from referral to autism services to receiving the final outcome of an autism assessment (i.e. a positive or negative diagnosis) from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for adults.**  
The Trust does not have an adult autism service. Please redirect your questions to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Contact details can be found below.

5. **The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for children.**  
Unfortunately, a conversion rate is not currently recorded or reported by the service.
6. **The conversion rate of autism assessments to autism diagnoses through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for adults.**  
The Trust does not have an adult autism service. Please redirect your questions to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Contact details can be found below.
7. **What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who receive an autism diagnosis through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.**  
The Neurodevelopment pathway service within Childrens Specialist Community Services offer a post diagnostic face to face session. Each family are sent an invite following diagnosis confirmation at panel. The session includes training and signposting to support agencies across the borough.
8. **What support and further referral is routinely offered to adults in who receive an autism diagnosis through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.**  
The Trust does not have an adult autism service. Please redirect your questions to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Contact details can be found below.
9. **What support and further referral is routinely offered to children who undergo an assessment for autism through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust but do not receive a diagnosis.**  
All children accessing the Autism pathway regardless of diagnosis criteria met or not, can access the 12-month rolling training programme which includes monthly bookable sessions themed on specialist areas.
10. **What support and further referral is routinely offered to adults who undergo an assessment for autism through Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust but do not receive a diagnosis.**  
The Trust does not have an adult autism service. Please redirect your questions to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Contact details can be found below.
11. **What standardised tools are currently used by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the screening and/or triage of children who seek an autism assessment.**  
The school age Autism pathway utilises the following standardised tools: Cambridge Questionnaires, GQ-ASC Adolescent Female Questionnaire, DSM V Questionnaire, ADOS Assessments.
12. **What standardised tools are currently used by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the screening and/or triage of adults who seek an autism assessment.**  
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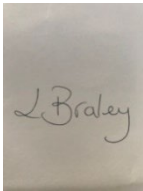
Please redirect all questions regarding adults to GMMH:  
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust  
Information Governance Department  
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If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to be 'L Braley'.

Lynne Braley  
Director of Operations & Performance – Community Division

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wroughton, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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