



My Ref: FOI4759
Your Ref:
Date: 31/07/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding disabled children's Occupational Therapy (OT) services provided in your area, Barnsley.

Please could you provide the following information: Please see comments in final paragraph.

For the two periods:

- **1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, and**
- **1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (to date)**

- 1. What was the average waiting time from referral to the Occupational Therapy service to the completion of a comprehensive assessment of a disabled child's needs by an Occupational Therapist?**

As of the date of this request:

- 2. How many disabled children are currently waiting for an OT assessment?**
- 3. What is the longest current waiting time from referral to assessment for a disabled child still on the waiting list?**

Please provide the information in an accessible digital format if possible.

The only data reported by Barnsley LA relates to the number of the waiting list and average wait as a snapshot each month. This has been provided in a spreadsheet for the periods requested. For more detailed information you may wish to re-submit your FOI request to the South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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