

FOI 3357

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- 1. The current waiting times for a first paediatric neurology or epilepsy appointment, for a patient referred today**

Response:

For a new patient referred today to Paediatric Epilepsy Clinic in SHSCT, the wait time is approximately 3 weeks, there is a new patient clinic every 4 weeks.

- 2. The number of paediatric epilepsy specialist nurses currently employed full-time or part-time (FTE equivalent and total number of staff)**

Response:

3 Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse Specialist's

- 0.8 WTE
- 0.8 WTE
- 0.85 WTE

- 3. What is the caseload for each paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse?**

Response:

Total patients within Paediatric Epilepsy Service – 431, caseloads are as follows;

Nurse 1 = 150
Nurse 2 = 150
Nurse 3 = 131

- 4. What is the wait time for key diagnostic procedures, EEG telemetry or MRI?**

Response:

Waiting times –

- EEG, Routine 8 weeks, Urgent 4 weeks
- MRI, Routine 12 weeks, Urgent 4-6 weeks
- MRI under GA, 16 – 20 weeks

5. How many children receive a new epilepsy diagnosis per year within the paediatric clinic?

Response:

New Diagnosis per year

- Jan – Dec 2023 – 68
- Jan – Dec 2024 - 59

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