



REQUEST 17948

1. In view of the fact that the *SEN and Disability Code of Practice* (2015) states that there's no legal basis for a local authority to reject a professional diagnostic report solely because it was privately obtained, please confirm that Wigan Council accept all and any private ASD diagnoses when these have been carried out by a qualified professional following established guidelines.
2. Since 2015, how many ASD diagnoses have been carried out by suitably qualified Wigan Council professionals and/or NHS professionals working with the local authority? Please provide a yearly breakdown.
3. Since 2015, how many private ASD diagnoses have been accepted and acted on (i.e. specialist education provision then procured in the form of an EHCP) by Wigan Council professionals and/or NHS professionals working with the local authority? *Please provide a yearly breakdown.*
4. Please describe in detail the current protocol in place for children with suspected ASD who are then referred for formal diagnostic assessment?
5. What is the current waiting time for children with suspected ASD who are referred for formal diagnostic assessment from the time of referral?
6. Are parents informed that their child is being referred to for formal diagnostic assessment and if so, how are they informed?

RESPONSE

1. Wigan Council accepts private reports regarding ASD diagnosis for the purposes of writing and amending EHC Plans.
2. Wigan Council does not hold this information. It does not employ professionals to carry out ASD assessments or diagnoses.
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