

REQUEST 18406

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, Wigan.

Please could you provide the following information:

For the two periods:

- 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, and
- 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (to date)
- 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 (31/07/25):

- 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?

RESPONSE

- 1. For assessments completed in reporting period, average wait time from referral date to assessment:
 - 01.04.23 to 31.03.24 =121 working days
 - 01.04.24 to 31.03.25 = 128 working days
- 2. 71 children are currently on the waiting list for assessment as at 31.07.25
- 3. Longest current waiting time for one child is 221 working days.

Average wait time across full waiting list is 101 working days.