



Reference: FOI1143

Request:

* Please provide a copy of your policy for dealing with assessments of disabled children by your children with disabilities team. The relevant department will be Children's Services or equivalent.

* How do you assess and support children who are autistic but have no other disability? Please provide a copy of any policies you have for assessing and supporting children who are autistic but who have no other disability.

* For the financial years (start of April to end of March) 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, please provide the number of children with autism who have been:
o declined an assessment by your children with disabilities team;
o referred to another team within Children's services for an assessment; and
o declined any assessment whatsoever in each of the financial years detailed above.

Autism is not recorded as a 'reason for assessment'. Assessments are undertaken by the Children's Services Social Work Assessment Teams for both children with a disability and children where there is a safeguarding concern. The policy used is available at:

www.proceduresonline.com/north_tyneside/cs/p_assessment.html

With regard to children who are autistic but have no other disability, the help and support required will be dependent upon need and may be provided by Early Help or statutory services.