FOI 0228 2024 Response

1a.Current Average Waiting time from referral to 1st assessment in the past 12months:

200 days
 **Note: Based on completed waits in the period Sept-23 - Aug 24

1b. details on the longest outstanding referral, including its timescale (as at 9th Sept 2024)

ReferralReceivedDate	Longest Wait Time days
03/10/2023	**333**

2.The current average waiting time from the first assessment to a formal diagnosis within the memory services.

59 days
Note: Based on completed waits for patients diagnosed in the period Sept-23 - Aug 24

3. Please provide a detailed outline of the protocol agreed upon with the NHS Trusts for conducting assessments and diagnoses within the memory services, i.e. what does the assessment consist of, nurse assessment, scanning, consultant appointment.

The Trust has in place a comprehensive cognitive assessment bespoke to the Memory Assessment Service.

There are four components to the standard assessment process, these are:

- Pre-assessment counselling to ensure the individual understands the reason for the assessment, the possible outcomes and that they are in agreement to continue with the assessment.

- The assessment, which involves asking the individual and also someone who knows them well (informant), questions about the current memory/cognitive problems and how these affect the individual in everyday life. we would complete a short paper and pencil test with the individual and consider the need and if indicated, refer for a brain scan.

- Feedback of the assessment outcome in accordance with the individuals wishes.

- Support planning, where we work with both the individual and family to identify appropriate support systems and interventions.

- The assessment consists of a senior practitioner (OT/Nurse) appointment for assessment, a diagnosis will be formulated following a review of the assessment with a consultant psychiatrist. A diagnostic disclosure appointment will be provided by the Senior practitioner, coupled with support planning and appropriate referrals.