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## REQUEST

1. **What percentage of NHS staff in your Trust have received training on how patients with autism and learning difficulties present in hospital?**
2. **How long is the waiting list for training NHS staff in your Trust on how patients with autism and learning difficulties present in hospital? Please give in days, weeks or months.**
3. **How often is training for NHS staff in your Trust provided in how autistic and people with learning difficulties present in hospital?**
4. **Do you have any plans in place to train all NHS staff in your Trust within the next 12 months? (in relation to how autistic and people with learning difficulties present in hospital).**

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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St Helens & Knowsley sites (72%) and Southport and Ormskirk sites (77.4%).

2. **How long is the waiting list for training NHS staff in your Trust on how patients with autism and learning difficulties present in hospital? Please give in days, weeks or months.**

There is no waiting list for training, it is available via the Trust Learning Platforms. Additional training is available to departments if requested and would be facilitated within a 2-week timescale.

**3. How often is training for NHS staff in your Trust provided in how autistic and people with learning difficulties present in hospital?**

The Learning Difficulties and Autism awareness package is currently a once only competency.

**4. Do you have any plans in place to train all NHS staff in your Trust within the next 12 months? (in relation to how autistic and people with learning difficulties present in hospital).**

Learning Difficulties and Autism training is mandatory for all staff (since March 2023).