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**Official information request W18-277**

I refer to your official information request dated 28 November 2018.

**Request:**

1. Is your DHB able to provide an FASD assessment to determine if a person has this disorder?
2. If yes, what is the waitlist for this assessment? (How many people and how long is the wait).

**Response:**

The information you have requested is below.

There is currently no specific pathway for children to be assessed for FASD. However children may get the diagnosis as part of a developmental assessment that looks at all the reasons a child may be struggling with their development. This is provided by Wairarapa District Health Board.

The waitlist for a developmental assessment is currently between 8-10 months, due in part to the resignation of staff. A psychologist has recently been recruited, and is due to start at Wairarapa District Health Board in February. Cases are prioritised, so some waits may well be shorter.

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