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Our Ref: FOI/03992

Thank you for your request concerning CAMHS Waiting Times.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1) **For the 2020-21 financial year please tell me the following information regarding waiting times for young people in all CAMHS that you run:**
- a. **The total number of young people referred to your CAMHS**
 - b. **The average waiting time between referral and second contact (in days)**
 - c. **The number of people waiting between 0 and 4 weeks**
 - d. **The number of people waiting between 4 and 6 weeks**
 - e. **The number of people waiting between 6 and 8 weeks**
 - f. **The number of people waiting between 8 and 10 weeks**
 - g. **The number of people waiting between 10 and 12 weeks**
 - h. **The number of people waiting over 12 weeks**
 - i. **The number of people where referral was closed before treatment**
 - j. **The number of people still waiting, no contact**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Due to the small numbers of referrals in specific quarters we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

CAVEAT:

Treatment start date is identified by having a second attended contact or Treatment start flag in the referral.

The waiting for treatment are referrals that were still open at the end of each quarter/year respectively and whether they had started treatment before that point in time.

Discharged before treatment is anyone who was discharged in period who didn't receive a second contact which would include cases that have been assessed and deemed not for specialist CAMHS and re-referred to a more appropriate service to meet their presenting needs or have assessed then provided some support / signposting etc at the initial appointment and then discharged.

k. The number of contacts before referral

The information you are requesting is not held in a reportable format.



In order for us to provide this information would involve us manually going through the 4,589 2020/21 referrals and 5250 of the 2019/20 referrals. Therefore we have applied exemption S12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

It is estimated that it would take 10 minutes to scrutinise each referral to establish the number of contacts i.e. 1,639.83 hours @ £25 = £40,995.83.

2) Could you also give a quarterly breakdown of these figures in the 2020-21 financial year please?

Please see attached spreadsheet.

**3) Could you also give me the same information for the 2019-20 financial year:
a. In total
b. As a quarterly breakdown**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

