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Thank you for your request concerning CAMHS Referrals, Waiting Times & Suicide.

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

- 1. The known most number of times an individual person referred for CAHMS support has been declined (i.e. rejected or discharged as inappropriate referral) mental health services since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown)?**

We are unable to provide you with the number of times an individual person has been declined or rejected because all referrals received are triaged at the point of first contact so that they can be directed to the most appropriate service. For cases where the Trust does not provide the required service, our assessment team provide advice on the most appropriate service or source of support and advice.

- 2. The number of people believed to have killed themselves (i.e. suicide) while waiting for CAMHS treatment since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown) to date? How long had each or any case been waiting for treatment? Please detail all known or recorded cases. If records are not held, please detail any policy or explanation as to why they are not held.**

Deaths are only determined to be due to suicide once a Coroner has given this conclusion at inquest.

Since 23/03/2020 there are no confirmed suicides.

- 3. The longest known time an individual person spent waiting for treatment since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown) having been referred for CAMHS support? The referral initiating the period of time spent waiting for treatment can pre-date the pandemic (i.e. if the person was referred in November 2019 and was treated in February 2021 the response would be 15 months).**

Currently the longest wait for an ADHD assessment is 1122 days.

Across Hertfordshire, there is currently a significant wait for CAMHS ADHD assessments. We are working with our commissioners and partners to improve the situation for local families. Most of the waits over the 18 weeks period are for ADHD cases rather than generic CAMHS cases.

Should you require further clarification, 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

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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](#).

