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Thank you for your request concerning CAMHS waiting list and treatment.

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

- 1: **The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017. A snapshot for a single day in February for those days but also an annual number of referrals for those years in whatever way you record them please if possible.**

Date	Total Number of Referrals
01/02/2017	328
01/02/2021	330

- 2: **(The number of young people on your list who had an assessment but have not started any therapeutic intervention and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.) PLEASE DISREGARD THIS QUESTION. INSTEAD ARE YOU ABLE TO TELL ME THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERRALS IN 2022, 2021 AND 2017?**

	Total Number of Referrals
2017	4,815
2021	4,582
2022	4,496

- 3: **The average length of time young people are waiting for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017. Are you able to give a snapshot of the average wait time now, plus the average wait time in 2021 and 2017?**

	Wait time for first appointment (Including ADHD) Days
2017	29
2021	26

- 4: **The average length of time young people are waiting between initial referral and treatment beginning and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.**

	We have counted treatment start as second attended contact from referral (Including ADHD) Days
2017	67
2021	47

- 5: **Your annual budget and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017. For CAMHS please, and the trust's budget.**

The Trust's budget is already in the public domain¹. Please follow this [link](#) to our Annual Report.

Please note as an NHS Trust we report in financial years.

It is not possible to compare our 2016/2017 or 2017/18 with our 2020/2021 or 2021/22 CAMHS budget because of the way commissioning arrangements have significantly changed.

- 6: **How many young people referred in to the service were refused treatment in 2022, 2021 and 2017.**

We do not refuse referrals. 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 or service users do not meet the eligibility criteria, our assessment team provide advice on the most appropriate service or source of support and advice.

I wonder if you could also tell me:

- 7: **The longest time any young person has been on your current waiting list (as of the date of the receipt of this email)**

Current longest waiting time is 1,367 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

**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](#).



¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means