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> > Our Ref: FOI/04648

Thank you for your request concerning referrals to CAMHS and/or CYPMHS.

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

Please provide the following information for the past five financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23. If the 2022-23 data is not available yet, please omit this from your response and advise as to when it will be available.

1. How many referrals to CAMHS and/or CYPMHS did you receive?

Please see attached spreadsheet as requested.

Of these referrals:

2a) How many were refused support by CAMHS / CYMPHS?

We do not refuse support. 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.

2b) How many have a closure date falling within this period? If possible, please please split such information by closure reason.

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Due to the small numbers of some of the identified reasons for closure 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.

Although there are no special exemptions in FOIA for information about the deceased, we consider the release of this information to be sensitive and an actionable breach of confidence if disclosed. Therefore we have applied Section 41 to the closure reason of PATIENT DIED due to the small numbers.

2c) How many have a rejection date within this period?

Please see the answer to question 2a).





2d) How many mentioned an autism diagnosis – or other neurodivergent condition diagnosis? Please include those with any type of diagnosis, including (but not limited to) previous, provisional, primary and secondary.

Please see attached spreadsheet.

3) Please supply your CAMHS / CYMPHS policy on autism and specify if your service has an autism team.

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a provider of mental health and specialist learning disability services. We offer reasonable adjustments to young people with neurodiversity who have a mental health problem to enable them to access mainstream services

You may wish to contact our local NHS Trust who are commissioned to provide this service, please follow this link to <u>Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust</u> (HCT).

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

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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 <u>here</u>.

