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Our Ref: FOI/04779

Thank you for your request concerning Perinatal Care.

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

- The average number of days patients waited between referral and their first appointment for perinatal mental health services, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Number of days between referral and first appointment</b>					
34	33	36	43	41	53

Our community perinatal team went live for referrals in March 2017. We do not hold referral data for 2010 to 2016 inclusive<sup>1</sup>.

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2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Average Number of days between referral and second appointment</b>					
72	77	80	96	106	116

- The total number of patients that had their referral closed for perinatal mental health services closed, after an assessment appointment, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>Total number of service users who had their referral closed after assessment</b>					
211	155	284	196	347	300

<sup>1</sup> Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him

4. **The single longest period of time that a patient waited between referral and their first treatment appointment for perinatal mental health services, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<b>The longest period of time a service user waited from referral to second appointment (first treatment) (Days)</b>					
287	324	355	405	412	414

In making this calculation we have used the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment as the indicator for treatment start. It is worth noting that some of longest wait service users have had, are due to multiple “did not attends”.

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](#).

