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Our Ref: FOI/04914

Thank you for your request concerning CAMHS East CBT wait time.

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

- 1. Please tell me how many children are CURRENTLY, in October 2023, on the Tier 3 waiting list to start treatment for Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) at east herts partnership CAMHS.**
- 2. Please tell me what the AVERAGE time in days/months/years it would take the child at the bottom of the Tier 3 treatment waiting list for CBT to reach the top at East Herts Partnership CAMHS.**
- 3. How many children have died while on the Tier 3 east herts partnership CAMHS waiting list while they wait for CBT or any other treatment to begin.**

We are unable to provide the answers to question 1, 2 and 3. The reason for referral or reason for treatment is not recorded on our Electronic Patient Record in a reportable format so we are unable to extract the data of the number of children waiting for CBT, waiting times or death whilst waiting.

In order for us to provide this information would involve us manually reading through every single referral to CAMHS East to look for a mention of CBT and this would invoke S12 - Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit<sup>1</sup>.

In addition, we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles.

- 4. How many CAMHS clinician vacancies are there at East herts partnership CAMHS.**

Currently there are 7.33 FTE clinician vacancies in CAMHS East.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 12 - Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

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](#).

