

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 6 December, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

1. How many CAMHS referrals have you had from education settings in the last three years (April 1 to March 31, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17)?

(By education setting I mean: Local Authority maintained schools, academies, independent schools and alternative provision, including but not limited to, Pupil Referral Units).

2. Of those referrals how many were not eligible for support and how many went on to receive treatment?

3. Please provide a breakdown of the ages of all children and adolescents referred by education settings (11 and under; 12-15; 16 and over)

4. (a) What age was the youngest child referred by an education setting?

5. For those who were offered treatment, what broad category did the primary diagnosis fit into:

(a) Life threatening conditions

(eg. Psychosis; risk of suicide or severe self-harm; severe depressive episode; anorexia nervosa)

(b) Conditions leading to severe functional impairments

(e.g) compulsive disorder (OCD); Anxiety/phobic/panic disorders; Bulimia nervosa; ADHD where there is significant psychiatric co-morbidity; Autistic spectrum disorders; Tourette's syndrome; School refusal where mental health disorder plays a significant role; Conduct difficulties which co-exist with other disorders; Severe and/or complex relationship difficulties

(c) Children and young people with learning disabilities experiencing emotional or behavioural or mental health difficulties

(d) Emotional difficulties relating to physical conditions (e.g Diabetes; Asthma; Neurological conditions; Unexplained pain/ somatising disorders

(e) Early intervention to prevent the development of more severe disorders

(e.g. Complicated bereavement; Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); Severe attachment difficulties; Self-care issues

5. When a child or adolescent is not eligible for support in CAMHS do you signpost them to other potential sources of help? (If yes, please specify).

Response:

1, 2, and 3:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total referrals from education settings	1525	2705	1578
Total referrals aged 11 and under	750	1395	861
Total referrals aged 12-15	662	1123	629
Total referrals aged 16 and over	113	187	88
Age of youngest referral	2	2	3
Total referrals who went on to receive treatment	1164	2379	1317
Total referrals not eligible for support	361	326	261

The Trust is unable to comply with section 5 as individual record review would be required to derive the information and this would require the Trust to exceed the appropriate limit. There are in excess of 3600 individual patient records to review, which at a minimum of 1 minute per record would take the Trust at least 60 hours. The appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act is 18.

5. Information on CAMHS referral process is available via the following URL

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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