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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children were referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust?  
Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).
2. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) what was the average waiting time for patients referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust?  
Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).
3. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children had to wait longer than four weeks for a referral?  
Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).
4. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children were referred away to other trusts due to limited capacity? (Please name those Trusts)
5. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) what was the longest waiting time for a patient referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust? If possible, please also include their age.

Response:

**General Notes**

- All data is for the calendar years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- Only patients aged between 0 and 17 at referral are included. The data is divided by age at referral into bands:  
0-4 years  
5-9 years  
10-14 years  
15-17 years
- The data is for referrals to all CAMHS Teams
- If a patient has more than one referral in one calendar year, then they are only counted once in that calendar year and by the youngest age at referral.

**The Trust is able to provide the following information**

- 1 *How many children were referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust?*  
(Rules applied as above)

Number of Referrals				
Age Range	Year			Grand Total
	2016	2017	2018	
0-4 Years	303	332	390	1025
10-14 Years	4863	5632	6423	16918
15-17 Years	4306	4664	5086	14056
5-9 Years	2699	3213	3941	9853
Grand Total	12171	13841	15840	41852

- 2 *What was the average waiting time for patients referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust?* (Rules applied as above and this data is a sub-set of the data in item 1) *The Trust is able to provide the following indicative information. However, extensive manual review and analysis of individual patient records is required to fully answer this element of your request and the Trust would exceed the appropriate limit set in regulation by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act if it were to comply with your request.*

Average Waiting Times (in Days)				
Age Range	Year			Grand Total
	2016	2017	2018	
0-4 Years	72	68	49	63
10-14 Years	57	52	44	51
15-17 Years	35	32	31	33
5-9 Years	85	88	62	79
Grand Total	54	53	43	50

- 3 *How many children had to wait longer than four weeks for a referral?*

The Trust holds no information in relation to this element of your request.

4 *How many children were referred away to other trusts due to limited capacity?*

The Trust holds no information in relation to this element of your request.

5 *What was the longest waiting time for a patient referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust? As per 2 above, to confirm the actual longest waiter would involve manual auditing which would exceed the time limit for the FOI.*

If you are concerned 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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