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I am responding to your request for information received 20 November 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision. If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

Dear foi team,

I am writing to request the following:

Question 1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four calendar years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 so far)? Please break this down by month.

Answer: Please see the table below:

2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	64	70	101	79	110	110	96	60	70	65	71	46
2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	69	62	58	45	52	42	50	29	27	52	50	48
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	50	50	44	41	42	39	40	11	23	43	37	39
2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	50	38	57	44	63	71	53	32	38	39	13	

Question 2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined for each of the last four calendar years (including 2020 so far)

Answer: Please see the table below:

Year	No. of declined* referrals
2017	893
2018	270
2019	124
2020-year to date	83

* "Declined" referrals has been interpreted as inappropriate referrals or referrals signposted to another healthcare provider.

Question 3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is not held on our clinical systems in a searchable field. In order to establish this, staff will have to review each referral to ascertain whether a child was referred more than once to the service and the reason why a referral may have been "declined".

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any

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individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Question 4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 calendar years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?

Answer: Please see the table below:

Year	Longest number of weeks on waiting list
2017	27
2018	26
2019	28
2020-year to date	38

Question 5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2020?

Answer: In 2020, the average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in is two weeks.