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I am responding to your request for information received 5 May 2021 which you clarified on 14 May 2021. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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 Sir/Madam, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust.

Question 1. Please may you provide me with the total number of CAMHS referrals closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

Clarification: "Treatment" would generally be defined as anything delivered to help patients with their mental health whether that's talking therapies, medication prescriptions, inpatient treatment etc.

We would define "treatment began" as the third contact/second treatment session (the appointment after 1 assessment and 1 preliminary treatment session), unless for your specific services that would not make sense.

Answer: The total number of referrals closed before treatment began was 835. "Treatment began" is defined here as referrals which were closed either before or after the assessment but prior to treatment.

Question 2. The percentage of CAMHS referrals closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

Answer: 6.7%

Question 3. A breakdown of reasons why these referrals were closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

Answer: The reasons why referrals were closed before treatment are:

- Achieved Outcome (Further Treatment Not Required)
- Discharged against professional advice (Refuse to engage)
- Discharged back to referrer (Step down)
- Discharged to General Practice (GP) (Step down)
- Patient moved out of the area
- Patient non-attendance

Question 4. Please may you provide me with: Broken down by reasons for referral*,

The percentage of CAMHS cases closed before treatment.

Clarification: The timescale of the requests is from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

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The Trust does not record the percentage of cases closed for treatment by reasons of referral. The information is not held and therefore not disclosable.

Question 5. Broken down by reasons for referral*, the average wait time for CAMHS treatment to begin following referral.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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The Trust does not record the average wait time for CAMHS treatment by reasons of referral. The information is not held and therefore not disclosable.

Question 6. The top 10 longest waits CAMHS for treatment, including how long they've waited and reason for referral. *Examples of reasons for referrals (not exclusive): Anxiety, attention behaviour pathway, autism, depression, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder and body dysmorphic disorder, PTSD, psychosis, self harm, disorders inclusive of toruetes.

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The Trust does not record the reasons for a referral to services. The information is not held and therefore not disclosable.