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I am responding to your request for information received 26 November 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:**

**Question 1: How many current CAMHS/CYPMHS autism referrals are currently awaiting a first appointment?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*  
*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*  
*(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

Autism referrals are considered as a specialist assessment. The clinical system does not currently have the ability separately store specialist assessments. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

**Question 2: What is the average waiting time among the referrals in question 1?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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**Question 3: What is the longest current outstanding waiting time among the referrals in question 1?**

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**Question 4: What is the estimated waiting time for a first appointment for a new CAMHS/CYPMHS autism referral?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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**Question 5: How many current CAMHS/CYPMHS ADHD referrals are currently awaiting a first appointment?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

ADHD referrals are considered as a specialist assessment. The clinical system does not currently have the ability separately store specialist assessments. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.

**Question 6: What is the average waiting time among the referrals in question 1?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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**Question 7: What is the longest current outstanding waiting time among the referrals in question 1?**

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**Question 8: What is the estimated waiting time for a first appointment for a new CAMHS/CYPMHS ADHD referral?**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

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**Question 9: For each month since January 2020, please state how many CAMHS/CYPMHS referrals (for any condition and/or treatment, not just autism and ADHD) the trust received.**

Answer: Please see table below:

Month/Year	Number of referrals
Jan-20	997
Feb-20	1164
Mar-20	1065
Apr-20	471
May-20	635
Jun-20	874
Jul-20	994
Aug-20	763
Sep-20	1098
Oct-20	1518
Nov-20	1473
Dec-20	1299
Jan-21	1058
Feb-21	1115
Mar-21	1680
Apr-21	1612
May-21	1934
Jun-21	1742
Jul-21	1702
Aug-21	1025
Sep-21	1498
Oct-21	1653
Nov-21	1979

**Question 10: Please break the question 9 figures down by the condition or illness the referral concerned I would like the information sent by email, preferably in an editable Excel spreadsheet (not a pdf).**

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“Condition” or “illness” for the reason of a referral is not recorded on the clinical system. The Trust does not hold the information requested and it is therefore not disclosable.