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I am responding to your request for information received 8 December 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

I want to request the following information for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date:

**Question 1: How many children were referred to your Trust's mental health services for each of these years?**

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Referrals Received
2017	9617
2018	10299
2019	11791
2020	13225
2021 YTD (20 December 2021)	17785

**Question 2: For these children, what was the average and longest waiting time for each of these years:**

**a) for a first CAMHS appointment?**

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Longest wait in days	Average wait in days
2017	175	20
2018	233	21
2019	365	19
2020	336	14
2021 YTD (20 December 2021)	366	16

**b) For admission to a CAMHS Tier 4 bed?**

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.*

Referral wait time for an inpatient admission is not recorded on the clinical system. For these patients, a record is created when they are admitted. The Trust does not hold the information requested separately on the clinical system and it is therefore not disclosable.