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I am responding to your request for information received 13 June 2023. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Mental Health Trust. Please may you provide me with: Please provide this data in a table format.

**Question 1:** The number of days eating disorder patients waited between referral and their first appointment, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

**Question 1a:** Please provide this further broken down by urgent and routine cases.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Financial Year	Routine Cases	Urgent Cases	Average number of days between referral and first appointment for Adult Eating Disorder patients.
2016/17	108	7	115
2017/18	59	0	59
2018/19	40	0	40
2019/20	73	0	73
2020/21	69	0	69
2021/22	84	0	84
2022/23	63	0	63

The Trust began running an adult eating disorder service in 2015. That being the case, there is no data prior to 2016/17.

**Question 2:** The number of days eating disorder patients waited between referral and their second appointment, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

**Question 2a:** Please provide this further broken down by urgent and routine cases.

**Answer:** Please see table below:

Financial Year	Routine	Urgent	Average number of days between referral and second appointment
2016/17	161	0	161
2017/18	103	0	103
2018/19	111	0	111
2019/20	137	0	137
2020/21	131	0	131
2021/22	136	0	136
2022/23	108	0	108

The Trust does not have any data prior to the 2016/2017 financial year.

**Question 3:** The number of days eating disorder patients waited between their assessment appointment and their first treatment appointment, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

**Question 3a:** Please provide this further broken down by urgent and routine cases.

**Answer:** Please see table below:



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Financial Year	Routine	Urgent	Total number of days between first assessment and treatment appointments
2016/17	31	0	31
2017/18	42	0	42
2018/19	70	0	70
2019/20	74	0	74
2020/21	54	0	54
2021/22	44	0	44
2022/23	49	0	49



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