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I am responding to your request for information received 21 September 2023 and clarified on 25 September. 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

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:** Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information for the past year 2022/23 concerning the East London NHS Foundation Trust's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

**Question 1:** The average and maximum waiting times for routine treatment with CAMHS.

**Answer:** Average: nine weeks.  
Maximum: 121 weeks.

**Question 2:** The average and maximum waiting times for urgent treatment with CAMHS.

**Answer:** Average: zero weeks.  
Maximum: 51 weeks.

Exception note: The 51 week wait should have been a routine appointment and was moved to this pathway following assessment – however the system cannot change the pathway – this is the case for all significant waits in this pathway

**Question 3:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 0-4 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 3572 patients waited 0-4 weeks for treatment.

**Question 4:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 4-8 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 1732 patients waited 4-8 weeks for treatment.

**Question 5:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 8-12 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 808 patients waited 8-12 weeks for treatment.

**Question 6:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 12-16 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 440 patients waited 12-16 weeks for treatment.

**Question 7:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 16-20 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 280 patients waited 16-20 weeks for treatment.

**Question 8:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 20-24 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 189 patients waited 20-24 weeks for treatment.

**Question 9:** In 2022/23, how many patients waited 24-52 weeks for treatment?

**Answer:** 566 patients waited 24-52 weeks for treatment.

**Question 10:** The longest waiting time for anyone on the list for routine treatment in 2022/23?

**Answer:** 121 weeks is the longest wait time for routine treatment.

**Question 11:** The total referrals for urgent and routine treatment in 2022/23?

**Answer:** Urgent treatment referrals: 2804  
Routine treatment referrals: 16196.

**Question 12:** The total number of children and adolescents on the waiting list at the current time?



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Answer: 815 children and adolescents are currently on the waiting list.

**Question 13: The longest waiting times for ADHD assessments/treatment with CAMHS in 22/23 and the current waiting times?**

Answer: It is not possible to answer this as the reason for treatment is not routinely recorded on the clinical system.

**Question 14: The longest waiting times for depression and anxiety treatment with CAMHS in 22/23 and the current waiting times?**

Answer: It is not possible to answer this as the reason for treatment is not routinely recorded on the clinical system.

**Question 15: The longest waiting times for autism assessments with CAMHS in 22/23 and the current waiting times?**

Answer: It is not possible to answer this as the reason for treatment is not routinely recorded on the clinical system.

**Question 16: How many referrals to CAMHS were refused in 2022/23?**

Answer: 1136.

**Question 17: What criteria were used to refuse referrals in 2022/23?**

**Clarification: I am referring to referrals made into CAMHS and subsequently either refused or rejected.**

Answer: Referrals have been classed as “rejected” or “refused” if they were closed on the grounds that they were “inappropriate”.

**Question 18: How many patients were sectioned in 2022/23?**

**Clarification: Only for CAMHS patients, please.**

Answer: 92.

**Question 19: How many patients held under sections were transferred from East London NHS Foundation Trust to another Trust to receive care in 2022/23?**

**Clarification: Only CAMHS patients, please.**

Answer: Zero.



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