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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th March 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

- 1) How many referrals were made to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

- 2) How many (already) diagnosed autistic children/ teenagers were referred to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

The Trust does not hold information to ascertain if a patient had been previously diagnosed with autism prior to accessing our services.

- a. If possible, could you also please provide the proportion (%) these referrals made up of the total number of referrals each year? **N/A**
- 3) How many referrals were 'rejected' (i.e., not accepted by CAMHS/ referred to another service) from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

All referrals are accepted and screened as a minimum requirement before decision on further assessment, discharge or signposting is made.

- a. If possible, could you also please provide information on why the referrals were rejected? **N/A**
- 4) How many referrals of diagnosed autistic children/ teenagers were 'rejected' from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

Please see response to questions 2 and 3

- a. If possible, could you also provide the proportion (%) these rejections made up of the total number of rejections for each year please. **N/A**

Please could you provide all of this information in calendar years.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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1. How many referrals to were made to CAMHS services from 2018-2024?

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of referrals	1,346	1,505	1,464	1,296	1,537	4,230	1,385