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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 children (under18) have been referred to CYMPHS/ CAMHS in the last five years. (Between April 6 - April 5)? Can you provide the total number of children referred for each year; 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

**Please note figures provided have been based on the number of children (under 18) that have been referred to either our Core CAMHS service or All Age Access service**

<b>FY 2019/20</b>	<b>4316</b>
<b>FY 2020/21</b>	<b>3972</b>
<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>5567</b>
<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>5916</b>
<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>6288</b>

- a. For each year, can you provide the number of children referred broken down by primary cause (such as, anxiety, depression etc.)

**Please see table below.**

**Please note that figures less than 5 have been suppressed for anonymity.**

	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24
Description Not Found	872	1084	1583	814	930
Anxiety	990	757	993	1015	971
Conduct disorders	486	406	800	868	668
Unexplained physical symptoms	68	61	98	944	1312
Suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder	405	294	578	755	714
Neurodevelopmental Conditions, excluding Autism Spectrum Disorder	310	219	275	391	707
Depression	346	292	377	406	413
Self harm behaviours	196	208	362	384	333
In crisis	134	349	216	172	53
Diagnosed Autism Spectrum Disorder	71	47	34	59	77
Attachment difficulties	150	59	32	9	13
Eating disorders	20	69	84	17	14
Relationship difficulties	83	41	27	10	*
Obsessive compulsive disorder	14	12	29	18	24
Post-traumatic stress disorder	41	18	20	9	10
Adjustment to health issues	49	8	9	*	*
Gender Discomfort issues	16	7	6	12	9
(Suspected) First Episode Psychosis	*	6	6	*	12
Neurodevelopmental conditions	19	9	6	*	*
Organic brain disorder	17	9	7	*	*
Self - care issues	16	*	8	*	*
Ongoing or Recurrent Psychosis	*	*	*	*	*
Phobias	6	*	6	*	*
Personality disorders	*	*	*	*	*
Drug and alcohol difficulties	*	*	*	*	*
Bi polar disorder	*	*	*	*	*
Perinatal mental health issues	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>4309</b>	<b>3955</b>	<b>5556</b>	<b>5883</b>	<b>6260</b>

2. For children referred this year alone (Between April 6 - April 5, 2023/24), how many received treatment? **1393**

Please note that as a Trust we measure referral to treatment as referral to second contact. The figures above represent referral to second contact wait times.

- Between April 6 - April 5, 2023/24, how many referrals to CAMHS were either deemed inappropriate or rejected? **467- This figure refer to inappropriate referrals**
- Between April 6 - April 5, 2023/24, what was the average and maximum waiting times for CAMHS treatments from referral to first appointment?

**Average- 99.3**

**Maximum- 482**

Please note that as a Trust we measure referral to treatment as referral to second contact. The figures above represent referral to second contact wait times.

Our ADHD pathway is currently integrated within our Core CAMHS services, in general patients within the ADHD pathway have extended waits compared to a patient accessing a Core CAMHS general pathway. We currently cannot disaggregate ADHD patients from our Core CAMHS patients.

- Between April 6 - April 5, 2023/24, how many CAMHS patients were sectioned?

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Please note that we have assumed that the above question is in relation to patients' section under the Mental health Act. This would infer to patient within our inpatient services and would not be relevant to our community CAMHS services.

3. As of September 2024, how many children and adolescents are on the waiting list for CAMHS? **124**

**Please note the above figure relates to patients waiting for referral to assessment (First contact) within a Core CAMHS service.**

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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