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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9th March 2026. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Update on project re: waiting times for a CYP assessment for ADHD/ Autism

I'd like to request some information, please.

The referral information below was presented to the City's Health and Wellbeing Board (in development session) earlier this month.

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare CYP U18 ACCESS					
	2025/26 Average	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Target	7,955	7,955	7,955	7,955	7,955
Actual	8,814	8,897	9,073	9,163	9,164
Variance	+859	+942	+1,118	+1,208	+1,209

Could you clarify whether the number of referrals detailed in each month are new referrals or whether they are cumulative?

Also, could you please let me have the number of referrals for each of the following age groups:

- 4 & under
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 5-19

The Children and Young People (CYP) access figures presented at the City's Health and Wellbeing Board are based on the national metric: "Number of CYP aged under 18 supported through NHS-funded mental health services with at least one contact (12-month rolling period)."

This metric is calculated using the following methodology:

- It counts the number of CYP aged under 18 who have had at least one recorded contact within a rolling 12-month period.
- Only contacts recorded using the following consultation codes are included:
 - 01 – Face-to-face.
 - 02 – Telephone.
 - 11 – Video consultation
 - 04 – Talk type for a person unable to speak.

Further information can be found when using the following link: [Children and Young People \(CYP\) Access measures quick guide to submitting data - NHS England Digital](#)

We have provided the following age group breakdown based on the national methodology of the CYP access metric, using the most up-to-date data available.

Please note that these figures may differ slightly from those in the above table due to data entered retrospectively.

Please note that the access figures shown relate to the number of CYP and not referrals into the Trust.

	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
4 & Under	586	596	589	594
5 to 9	2,554	2,644	2,685	2,696
10 to 14	3,628	3,696	3,740	3,747
15 to 19	2,134	2,142	2,149	2,129
Total	8,902	9,078	9,163	9,166

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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