

FOI – 1986

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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**1. Number of adults currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.**

**I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021 and Aug 2022.**

*Response:*

| <i>Year</i>     | <i>Number waiting for eating disorder treatment</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| <i>Aug 2018</i> | <i>44</i>   |
| <i>Aug 2019</i> | <i>41</i>   |
| <i>Aug 2020</i> | <i>25</i>   |
| <i>Aug 2021</i> | <i>6</i>  |
| <i>Aug 2022</i> | <i>19</i>   |
| <i>Aug 2023</i> | <i>6</i>  |

**2. Number of children and young people currently waiting for specialist treatment of an eating disorder in your trust as of August 2023.**

**I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021 and Aug 2022.**

*Response:*

| <i>Year</i>     | <i>Number waiting for eating disorder treatment</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| <i>Aug 2018</i> | <i>&lt;5</i>  |
| <i>Aug 2019</i> | <i>&lt;5</i>  |
| <i>Aug 2020</i> | <i>9</i>  |
| <i>Aug 2021</i> | <i>16</i>   |
| <i>Aug 2022</i> | <i>8</i>  |
| <i>Aug 2023</i> | <i>6</i>  |

*The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential*

risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

### **3. Average waiting time in weeks for adults referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.**

**I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021 and Aug 2022.**

*Response:*

*Average length of wait is not held – the longest waiting time in weeks is provided.*

| <i>Year</i>     | <i>Longest wait in weeks</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Aug 2018</i> | <i>41</i>                    |
| <i>Aug 2019</i> | <i>3</i>                     |
| <i>Aug 2020</i> | <i>26</i>                    |
| <i>Aug 2021</i> | <i>8</i>                     |
| <i>Aug 2022</i> | <i>26</i>                    |
| <i>Aug 2023</i> | <i>7</i>                     |

### **4. Average waiting time in weeks for children and young people referred to specialist treatment for an eating disorder from assessment to the start of treatment as of August 2023.**

**I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021 and Aug 2022.**

*Response:*

*Average length of wait is not held – the longest waiting time in weeks is provided.*

| <i>Year</i>     | <i>Longest wait in weeks</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Aug 2018</i> | <i>1</i>                     |
| <i>Aug 2019</i> | <i>2</i>                     |
| <i>Aug 2020</i> | <i>5.7</i>                   |
| <i>Aug 2021</i> | <i>3.3</i>                   |
| <i>Aug 2022</i> | <i>3.7</i>                   |

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| Aug 2023 | 3.5 |
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**5. What is the longest estimated wait between assessment and start of treatment of a current patient as of August 2023?**

*Response:*

*As with all the data above, assessment marks the beginning of treatment with a follow up appointment offered the following week.*

**6. Number of specialist eating disorder staff currently employed by the trust to provide treatment for specialist treatment of eating disorders as of August 2023.**

**I'd also like that information for the following years: Aug 2018, Aug 2019, Aug 2020, Aug 2021 and Aug 2022**

*Response:*

*Adult services:*

| <i>Year</i>     | <i>Number of whole time equivalent staff</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| <i>Aug 2018</i> | <i>9.91</i>                                  |
| <i>Aug 2019</i> | <i>9.31</i>                                  |
| <i>Aug 2020</i> | <i>11.31</i>                                 |
| <i>Aug 2021</i> | <i>10.31</i>                                 |
| <i>Aug 2022</i> | <i>10.23</i>                                 |
| <i>Aug 2023</i> | <i>10.09</i>                                 |

**CAMHS**

| <i>Month End</i> | <i>Total WTE</i> |
|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Aug-18</i>    | <i>3.6</i>       |
| <i>Aug-19</i>    | <i>3.6</i>       |
| <i>Aug-20</i>    | <i>5.6</i>       |
| <i>Aug-21</i>    | <i>5</i>         |
| <i>Aug-22</i>    | <i>7.5</i>       |
| <i>Aug-23</i>    | <i>8.5</i>       |

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