

FOI – 2319

9th April 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please could you provide the figures by filling in and returning the spreadsheet attached – there are separate tabs (1-4) for each question which have been clearly labelled. You can find the tabs along the bottom of the document.

My questions are as follows:

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

Response:

Please see attachment 1. This includes all referrals to services within CAMHS and includes referrals to Step 3-4 CAMHS.

- 2. 2) How many (already) diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were referred to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.**
 - a. If possible, could you also please provide the proportion (%) these referrals made up of the total number of referrals each year?**

Response:

Please see attachment 2. This information is not currently captured at the point of referral.

In order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records from a number of sources is required. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information, it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

3. 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.

a. If possible, could you also please provide information on why the referrals were rejected?

Response:

Please see attachment 3 for referrals not accepted. Southern Trust CAMHS do not reject referrals. All referrals are either accepted into CAMHS or they are signposted to another service. We will advise the referrer of the appropriate service which may meet the needs of the child and/or young person.

6. 4) How many referrals of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were 'rejected' from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

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

Response:

Please see attachment 4. This information is not currently captured at the point of referral.

This would be a manual check of records to answer this question. Southern Trust CAMHS do not reject referrals. All referrals are either accepted into CAMHS or they are signposted to another service. We will advise the referrer of the appropriate service which may meet the needs of the child and/or young person.

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