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I am responding to your request for information received 19 March 2024 which you clarified on 21 March 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Senior Information Governance Manager - Compliance

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

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

When including data from 2024 please consider data up to the 19th of March

Clarification: Please respond with data pertaining to individual referrals not individual people i.e. if one person was referred more than once then please count the total number of referrals.

Answer: Please see table below:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of referrals	10618	12139	13311	18233	19104	19320	4599

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

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Clarification: The wording of question 2 asks for data on the number of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers when really it should ask for data on the number of referrals involving diagnosed autistic/teenagers

By 'already diagnosed' I mean children/teenagers who came to CAMHS with an existing autism diagnosis i.e. they weren't being referred for the purpose of an autism diagnosis

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 of the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

In order for the Trust to provide the information requested, staff would have to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a freedom of information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2a: If possible, could you also please provide the proportion (%) these referrals made up of the total number of referrals each year?

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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 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.

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Clarification: Re ‘rejections’ of referrals – that should include ‘rejections’ that took place either before an individual was ever assessed by CAMHS or immediately after an assessment took place.

Answer: Please see table below:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of referrals rejected	1637	1363	1238	2139	1662	1227	339

Question 3a: If possible, could you also please provide information on why the referrals were rejected?

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Answer: Please see table below:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Signposted to Health Care Provider	132	33	73	163	51	32	5
Signposted to Community CAMHS	737	781	953	1715	1446	1035	307
Returned to Referrer	768	549	212	261	165	160	27

Question 4: How many referrals of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were ‘rejected’ from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

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Question 4a: If possible, could you also provide the proportion (%) these rejections made up of the total number of rejections for each year please.

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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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