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I am responding to your request for information received 26 March 2024 which you clarified on 4 April 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,



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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
**Chair:** Eileen Taylor

**Request:**

**Question 1:** In the last five years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019), what was the average waiting time between a child being referred to CAMHS and receiving their initial appointment?

Please provide this information for all age groups and, if possible, separated by the age brackets:

5-10,  
11-16,  
16-18

**Clarification:** Could I please have the data in the age brackets you have recommended - 11 – 16 and 17 – 18

**Answer:** Please see table below:

	Average waiting time in weeks between referral and initial appointment by age group		
	5-10	11-16	17-18
2019	4	3	3
2020	2	2	3
2021	3	3	3
2022	3	4	4
2023	3	3	4

**Question 2:** In the last five years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019), what was the longest waiting time between a child being referred to CAMHS and receiving their initial appointment?

Please provide this information for all age groups and, if possible, separated by the age brackets:

5-10,  
11-16,  
16-18

**Clarification:** Could I please have the data in the age brackets you have recommended - 11 – 16 and 17 – 18

**Answer:** Please see table below:

	Longest waiting time in weeks between referral and initial appointment by age group		
	5-10	11-16	17-18
2019	52	39	29
2020	50	59	48
2021	83	70	71
2022	56	78	89
2023	80	87	92



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