

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRIORITY CAMHS REFERRALS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to CAMHS referrals.

Question:

- How many urgent or high priority CAMHS referrals were made by GPs in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 so far?
- How many urgent or high priority CAMHS referrals made by GPs were rejected in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24?

Answer:

Please note that referrals are not rejected, referrals not accepted are issued a letter with individualised meaningful signposting of resources.

Below are the number of referrals to CAMHS outpatients teams that have come from GPs and were marked as urgent, and the numbers of those referrals that were not accepted.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
No. of Referrals	416	524	654	489	303
No. of Rejected Referrals	78	76	125	122	59
NB: 2023/2024 includes data until Feb 2024					

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at

www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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