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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEURODEVELOPMENT**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to neurodevelopment.

**Question:**

1. If your health board has a neurodevelopment pathway where the assessment service is not provided by CAMHS, please provide the number of referrals for neurodevelopmental assessments have been sent to CAHMS and rejected to the appropriate neurodevelopmental pathway for the following financial years: 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20.

**Answer:**

The following data is for Community Paeds. Some of the year on year increase may be due to differences in reporting as we are not clear what waiting lists were used to hold ND patients prior to Trak redesign.

END	March 2017/18	March 2018/19	March 2019/20	March 2020/21	March 2021/22	March 2022/23	March 2023/24
0_4Wks	162	257	196	162	237	229	203
4_8Wks	106	136	240	155	206	205	176
8_12Wks	79	84	172	94	157	185	178
12_16Wks	70	25	84	69	85	96	84
16_20Wks	53	53	101	56	134	150	143
20_24Wks	60	41	76	31	113	112	107
24_28Wks	31	49	60	29	84	101	96
28_32Wks	5<	29	37	9	60	87	68
32_36Wks	5<	22	47	13	40	66	55
36_40Wks	0	14	55	21	24	93	87
40_44Wks	5<	5<	33	30	26	76	98
44_48Wks	0	5<	37	23	21	51	78

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48_52Wks	0	0	20	50	17	45	77
52_78Wks	5<	5<	39	140	36	154	212
78_104Wks	0	0		18	5<	11	19
104+	0	0		5<	7		5<
Total	571	716	1,197	*	*	1,661	*

Question:

- For each of the following questions, please respond with a Microsoft excel file where possible
- 2. In this health board, please provide the number of children and young people who were on the waiting list for a CAMHS and/or a neurodevelopmental assessment (NDA) at the end of the 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years. Please break this data down by those waiting 0-4 weeks, 4-8 weeks, 8-12 weeks, 12-16 weeks, 16-20 weeks, 20-24 weeks, 24-28 weeks, 28-32 weeks, 32-36 weeks, 36-40 weeks, 40-44 weeks, 44-48 weeks, 48-52 weeks, 52-78 weeks, 78-104 weeks, 104-156 weeks, and 156 weeks +
- 3. If possible, can you separate that data out into the following. If not, please explain why.
  - a. In this health board, please provide the number of children and young people who were on the waiting list for a CAHMS services at the end of the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years. Please break this data down by those waiting 0-4 weeks, 4-8 weeks, 8-12 weeks, 12-16 weeks, 16-20 weeks, 20-24 weeks, 24-28 weeks, 28-32 weeks, 32-36 weeks, 36-40 weeks, 40-44 weeks, 44-48 weeks, 48-52 weeks, 52-78 weeks, 78-104 weeks, 104-156 weeks, and 156 weeks +
  - b. In this health board, please provide the number of children and young people who were on the waiting list for a neurodevelopmental assessment (NDA) at the end of the 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years. Please break this data down by those waiting 0-4 weeks, 4-8 weeks, 8-12 weeks, 12-16 weeks, 16-20 weeks, 20-24 weeks, 24-28 weeks, 28-32 weeks, 32-36 weeks, 36-40 weeks, 40-44 weeks, 44-48 weeks, 48-52 weeks, 52-78 weeks, 78-104 weeks, 104-156 weeks, and 156 weeks +

Answer:

**CAMHS Waits at FY end**

FY end	March, 2017/18	March, 2018/19	March, 2019/20	March, 2020/21	March, 2021/22	March, 2022/23	March, 2023/24
4	411	393	329	467	516	538	494
8	239	323	357	320	380	328	348
12	195	208	282	225	267	189	253
16	128	149	162	158	150	90	137
20	160	180	195	197	181	84	109
24	125	147	162	155	128	58	107

28	122	116	154	180	106	55	94
32	72	119	118	153	77	29	78
36	53	75	80	96	40	14	70
40	67	92	89	97	32	10	56
44	56	110	94	107	34	13	41
48	37	95	90	81	40	15	19
52	16	80	84	74	19	11	13
78	83	260	330	751	116	30	28
104	0	21	48	282	75	0	8
>104 weeks	0	5<	5<	96	56	5<	13
Total	1,764	*	*	3,439	2,217	*	1,868

#### ND Assessment Waits at FY end

FY end	March, 2019/20	March, 2020/21	March, 2021/22	March, 2022/23	March, 2023/24
4	52	48	84	198	279
8	55	56	100	198	264
12	61	44	108	210	357
16	41	36	80	117	187
20	57	44	118	209	293
24	59	39	119	196	242
28	43	47	126	168	238
32	25	27	101	196	229
36	9	28	89	181	185
40	8	29	99	155	226
44	14	38	92	158	300
48	6	35	97	151	254
52	10	26	95	100	201
78	21	175	393	470	1,235
104	5<	18	200	251	964
>104 weeks	0	5<	139	85	499
Total	*	*	2,040	3,043	5,953

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to



provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018). \*Combined figures have not been provided for the same reason.

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](http://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.

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Yours sincerely

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