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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - CAMHS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to patients removed from CAMHS waiting lists.

Question:

- How many young people have been removed from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) waiting lists in each year since 1999.

Answer:

	2015 /16	2016 /17	2017 /18	2018 /19	2019 /20	2020 /21	2021 /22	2022 /23	2023 /24	2024 /25	2025 /26
Removed Seen	5,390	5,102	4,479	4,635	4,965	4,325	5,848	8,188	7,771	7,435	1,035
Removed Not seen	1,052	1,053	902	1,010	1,181	735	1,208	1,226	810	1,056	172

Table 1: CAMHS patients removed from waiting lists from 1st April 2015

Notes on the data:

- Our patient information system with waiting list functionality was introduced in July 2014. We have therefore included data from April 2015 by financial year.
- Data for 2025/26 is only up to 26th May 2025
- Figures are reported for patients who were removed after being seen (i.e. attended the scheduled appointment) and those removed not seen (e.g. removal after not attending, multiple cancellations, no longer requiring to be seen, failing to contact the service when invited to book an appointment etc)
- Removal figures include patients removed from assessment and treatment waiting lists.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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