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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CAMHS WAITS

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

Question:

- For referrals that were accepted by CAMHS, the average number of appointments which were attended prior to being discharged. Please provide figures for each year from 2015 to 2025 inclusive.
- The range of attended appointments (i.e. the lowest and highest number of attended appointments) for each year in this period.

Answer:

	Discharge Year (FY)									
	2015/ 16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24	2024/ 25
Attended Appts (Average)	7.5	9.4	11.5	14.1	15.4	16.4	19.8	18.5	18.1	16.1
Attended Appts (Range)	1-61	1-80	1-83	1 - 132	1-123	1-170	1-143	1-192	1-182	1-160

Question:

- Whether child patients referred for neurodevelopmental assessments are included in any of these years' figures and if so which years.

Answer:

Patients referred solely for a Neurodevelopmental assessment are not included in these figures. However, some patients identified as requiring support for both a mental health issue and a neurodevelopmental needs will be included in these figures.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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