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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CAMHS WAITS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to CAMHS services/neurodevelopmental assessment services.

Question:

1. The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment (assessment) as of the date of this email or nearest available.

Answer:

At the end of June 2025\* there were 793 young people waiting for a first assessment appointment.

\*Source most recent validated data from the national waiting times submission

Question:

2. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between referral and first appointment (assessment)

Answer:

The average time from referral to the 1<sup>st</sup> appointment in the last 6 months (1<sup>st</sup> Jan-30<sup>th</sup> June 2025) was 9.3 weeks

Question:

3. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between initial referral and first therapeutic intervention.

Answer:

The average time from referral to the 1<sup>st</sup> therapeutic intervention for young people starting treatment in the last 6 months (1<sup>st</sup> Jan-30<sup>th</sup> June 2025) was 19.1 weeks

Question:

4. How many young people assessed were not offered follow up treatment at Camhs in the year 2024-25, as a number and a proportion of the total of young people assessed?

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Answer:

526 young people assessed were not offered a follow up appointment. This was 14% of all assessments completed from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Question:

5. The longest time any young person has been on your current waiting list (as of the date of the receipt of this email or nearest)

Answer:

Due to the specific and identifiable nature of this request it is not possible to provide information. It is considered exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.

Question:

6. The average wait between referral and assessment for neurodevelopmental/neurodiverse conditions on the date of this request or nearest available data.

Answer:

The average time from referral to the assessment in the last 6 months (1<sup>st</sup> Jan-30<sup>th</sup> June 2025) for young people waiting on a neurodevelopmental assessment was 97.6 weeks

Question:

7. The number of young people on the waiting list for neurodevelopmental/neurodiverse assessments on the date of this request or nearest available data.

Answer:

At the end of June 2025 there were 10,039 young people waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment.

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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