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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CAMHS WAITING LIST

I write in response to your request for information in relation to CAMHS waiting list removal.

Question:

Since 2021, how many people have been removed from the CAMHS waiting list in each year, including reason/ category of removal.

Answer:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Removed Not seen	2,904	2,966	2,293	2,364	2,800
Removed Seen	5,236	6,206	6,183	6,351	5,719
Total	8,140	9,172	8,476	8,715	8,519

Table 1: Summary of Removals from CAMHS Lists by whether CYP was removed seen or not seen

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Additional referral received	0	0	5<	6	5<
Deceased patient	0	5<	5<	5<	5<
Declined Reasonable Offer Package	17	57	15	12	10
Did Not Respond/Not Contactable	532	400	310	242	0
Did Not Respond/Not Contactable by External Provider	26	33	21	25	215
Did Not Respond - PFB	0	0	0	27	104

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Did Not Respond - Service WL Review/Validation	0	0	0	5<	128
Inappropriate Referral at Triage	1,801	1,934	1,592	1,475	1,788
Incomplete Referral Patient Questionnaire	0	5<	0	5<	0
Passed to Community Trak or service within Lothian but not on Trak	5<	16	6	8	5<
Patient Advised Unavailability > 24 weeks	5<	5<	5<	0	5<
Patient could not attend (Multiple Appointments)	11	13	8	11	11
Patient did not attend	173	218	186	266	248
Patient Initiated Follow Up	5<	0	0	5<	5<
Removal after Clinical Review	50	61	29	60	56
Trak Process to re-PFB	0	5<	5<	0	0
Transferred to another NHS provider (Treat or See and Treat)	0	0	5<	47	55
Transferred to another NHS provider (Treat or See & Treat)	36	22	9	5<	0
Treatment Not Currently Required	240	201	107	171	175
Unfit for Treatments	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<
Not recorded	12	5<	0	5<	0
Total	2,904	2,966	2,293	2,364	2,800

Table 2: Removals not seen by Removal Reason

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).

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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