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Subject
CAMHS or CYPMHS Referrals and Refusals

Details of enquiry
Please provide the following information for the past five financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23. If the 2022-23 data is not available yet, please omit this from your response and advise as to when it will be available.

1. How many referrals to CAMHS and/or CYPMHS did you receive?
2.
    Of these referrals:
    a. How many were refused support by CAMHS / CYMPHS?
    b. How many have a closure date falling within this period? If possible, please please split such information by closure reason.
    c. How many have a rejection date within this period?
    d. How many mentioned an autism diagnosis – or other neurodivergent condition diagnosis? Please include those with any type of diagnosis, including (but not limited to) previous, provisional, primary and secondary.
3. Please supply your CAMHS / CYMPHS policy on autism and specify if your service has an autism team.

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1. How many referrals to CAMHS and/or CYPMHS did you receive?

Number of referrals received during period

2018/19	2089
2019/20	2388
2020/21	2059
2021/22	2613
M11 2022/23	2190

2.
    Of these referrals:
    a. How many were refused support by CAMHS / CYMPHS?

Number of referrals rejected during period

2018/19	18
2019/20	10
2020/21	34
2021/22	70
M11 2022/23	325

b. How many have a closure date falling within this period? If possible, please split such information by closure reason.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	M11 2022/23
Admitted elsewhere (at the same or other Health Care Provider)	6	20	27	59	48
Moved out of the area	15	30	36	45	18
No further treatment appropriate	167	342	444	646	518
Patient did not attend	50	167	196	204	155
Patient died	0	0	0	2	1
Patient requested discharge	16	55	98	110	88
Referred to other specialty/Service (at the same or other Health Care Provider)	324	344	399	513	195
Refused to be seen	0	12	12	20	2
Treatment completed	142	524	910	852	493
(blank)	1562	726	25	21	3
Total	**2282**	**2220**	**2147**	**2472**	**1521**

c. How many have a rejection date within this period?
Please see our response to Question 2a above.

d. How many mentioned an autism diagnosis – or other neurodivergent condition diagnosis? Please include those with any type of diagnosis, including (but not limited to) previous, provisional, primary and secondary.

We do not hold this data in a way that it can be electronically extracted and reported. Our EPR system only permits one referral reason, so any records of "mentioned" conditions could be present in the notes sections of patients' files, thereby requiring a manual search for identification, extraction, and reporting.

We estimate that it would take one officer 15 minutes to manually search one patient file, and, where found, to extract the data into a report. Per thousand files this would take around 250 hours, or 33 working days, which is beyond the resources provisioned in s12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and as you will note from the above data such a search would necessitate the search of many thousands of files. For these reasons we will not be processing this question.

3. Please supply your CAMHS / CYMPHS policy on autism and specify if your service has an autism team.
The Trust does not have a policy on Autism. However there are key pieces of legislation and national policy documents for CAMHS services adherence, which are publicly available on the internet. These include the Autism Act (2009), the NHS Long Term Plan (2019), the SEND code of practice (2014), as well as relevant best-practice guidelines for working with autistic people (e.g., NICE, 2013; BPS, 2021).