

# Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

## Reference

23-24271

## Date response sent

06/10/23

## Subject

CAMHS Waiting Times for Camden Patients

## Details of enquiry

I request the following information for the past financial 2023/22 and the current year 2023/24 concerning Camden's Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

1. The average and target waiting times for routine treatment with CAMHS.
2. The average and target waiting times for urgent treatment with CAMHS.
  - a. The number of patients waiting 0-4 weeks?
  - b. The number of patients waiting 4-8 weeks?
  - c. The number of patients waiting 8-12 weeks?
  - d. The number of patients waiting 12-16 weeks?
  - e. The number of patients waiting 16-20 weeks?
  - f. The number of patients waiting 20-24 weeks?
  - g. The number of patients waiting 24-52 weeks?
3. The longest waiting time for anyone on the list for routine treatment in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?
4. The total referrals for urgent and routine treatment in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?
5. The total number of children and adolescents on the waiting list for first contact at the current time?
6. The total number of children and adolescents on the waiting list for second contact at the current time?
7. The longest waiting times for ADHD within CAMHS in the financial year 2022/23, and 2023/24?
  - a. assessments (first contact) and
  - b. treatment (second contact)
  - c. and the current waiting times?
8. The longest waiting times for depression and anxiety assessment
  - a. assessments (first contact) and
  - b. treatment (second contact)
  - c. and the current waiting times?
9. The longest waiting times for autism assessments (
  - a. assessments (first contact) and
  - b. treatment (second contact)
  - c. and the current waiting times?
10. How many referrals to CAMHS were refused or rejected in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?
11. What criteria were used to refuse or reject referrals in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?
12. How many CAMHS patients were sectioned in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?
13. How many CAMHS patients held under sections were transferred from their local Trust to another Trust to receive care in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?

## Response sent

### Assumptions:

- Treatment defined as patient's second attended appointment in line with NHSE guidance unless otherwise specified. Waiting time shown is between referral received and second appt attended
- We are commissioned to see Children and Young People (CYP) up to age 25 at referral, and received at the Tavistock and Portman/s Camden CAMHS and Adolescent services
- This data covers Camden specific contracts only

1. The average and target waiting times for routine treatment with CAMHS.

CAMHS Average & Target Wait Times for Routine Treatment		
Wait time from referral received to 2nd appt (weeks)		
	Average	Target
2022/23	4.96 weeks	4 weeks
2023/24 M4	5.32 weeks	4 weeks

2. The average and target waiting times for **URGENT** treatment with CAMHS.  
We do not record our data in this way, and do not hold the information requested.

The number of patients awaiting urgent treatment grouped by waiting time weeks:

Urgent Treatment: Number of patients seen for 2nd appointment, shown by wait time interval		
Weeks	2022/23	2023/24 M4
0-4	813	435
4-8	512	220
8-12	193	63
12-16	100	42
16-20	42	20
20-24	26	16
24-52	40	26

3. The longest waiting time for anyone on the list for **ROUTINE** treatment in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?

Routine Treatment: Longest wait from date referral received to	
2022/23	57
2023/24 M4	48.14

4. The total referrals for urgent and routine treatment in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?

Total number of referrals for both urgent and routine treatment	
2022/23	1823
2023/24 M4	723

5. The total number of children and adolescents on the waiting list for FIRST contact at the current time?  
60 patients were awaiting a FIRST CAMHS appointment as of 31 August 2023
6. The total number of children and adolescents on the waiting list for SECOND contact at the current time?  
57 patients were awaiting a SECOND CAMHS appointment as of 31 August 2023
7. The longest waiting times for ADHD within CAMHS in the financial year 2022/23, and 2023/24?  
We do not undertake ADHD assessments for Camden, these are provided by Royal Free Hospital,
8. The longest waiting times for depression and anxiety assessment  
We do not record our data in this way, and do not hold the requested data.
9. The longest waiting times for autism assessments  
We do not routinely undertake autism assessments for Camden. We provide the staff for this service but the data is recorded and reported on CNWL (Central and North West London Mental Health Trust) computer systems, for which CNWL are the data controllers. We cannot report data held on another Trust's computerized records and the requester should be directed to raise this question directly with CNWL
10. How many referrals to CAMHS were refused or rejected in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?

Total number of Camden CAMHS rejected referrals	
<b>2022/23</b>	300
<b>2023/24 M4</b>	114

11. What criteria were used to refuse or reject referrals in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?  
Each service is subject to a set of referral/exclusion criteria.  
  
Most rejected referrals involve incomplete or inappropriate referrals. Where possible rejected referrals are signposted to other appropriate services.
12. How many CAMHS patients were sectioned in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?  
Not applicable. The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust, and not a hospital. We do not provide detention facilities for Camden CAMHS and do not have an A&E department.
13. How many CAMHS patients held under sections were transferred from their local Trust to another Trust to receive care in the financial year of 2022/23, and 2023/24?  
Not applicable. See response to Q12 above.