

Freedom of Information request 31-18

Request

I request:

1. The average length of completed waits between a referral to a first appointment with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) for each month between (and including) December 2015 and December 2017.
2. The average length of completed waits between the initial consultation with CAHMS and the second appointment for each month between (and including) December 2015 and December 2017.
3. The percentage of completed waits between the first and second CAMHS appointment that were seen between (and including) December 2015 and December 2017 and broken down by waits of:
 - (a) 0-18 weeks;
 - (b) 19-35 weeks;
 - (c) 36-52 weeks
 - (d) 53+ weeks

Response

1. Please note this data is accessible on the ISD website at the following link:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Waiting-Times/>

Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

2. NHS Borders does not collate this level of data on our electronic patient management system. This information would require a manual trawl of all records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 12 we are unable to provide this data.
3. As above.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **31-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within

six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.