

## Freedom of Information request 228-21

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### Request

I would like to know how many patients within the NHS Borders area were referred to CAMHS between the start of 2019 and now (June 2021) and how many of that number have waited over 18 weeks to be assessed by CAMHS.

I would also like to know what the average wait time was for all patients referred to CAMHS was during this time period, if possible.

I would also like some information for adult patients.

Between the start of 2019 until now (June 2021) how many adult patients were referred for mental health assessments and neurodevelopmental assessments in total?

In the total please can you break the figures down to show the numbers for East/West Team and South Team.

How many of these adults had a waiting time of over six months before being assessed? Please can this information be broken down between the teams. i.e. The number of patients who were referred to the East/West Team who've waited over six months to be assessed & the number of patients referred to the South team who've waited over six months to be assessed.

### Response

1. Please see the table below:

	CAMHS
Total Referrals Jan19 - Jun21	1407
Waits for first appointment (assessment) over 18 weeks	228
Waiting for first appointments as at 30/6/21 (not yet seen) over 18 weeks	62

Note: Includes ALL referrals to CAMHS including rejected/inappropriate referrals.

Source: EMIS

2. Please see the table below:

	CAMHS
Average wait time for first appointment (assessment) between January 2019 and June 2021	16 weeks

3 & 4. Please see the table below for the information for questions 3 and 4:

	East	West	South
Total Referrals	962	1029	1100
Wait Over 6 months (adjusted)	<5	10	27
Waiting Over 6 months as at 30/06/2021 (not yet seen)	12	31	5

Please note that the adjusted waits referred to are where there may have been unavailability that has been subtracted from the waiting time or where waits may have been reset if a patient missed an appointment.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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](mailto: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 **228-21** 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.