

Freedom of Information request 117-23

Request

I am writing to request details about your CAMHS services (community/parents and children) under the Freedom of Information Act.

I wonder if you could tell me please:

1. The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017. Please provide a snapshot for a single day in February for those years.
2. The total number of young people referrals in 2022, 2021, and 2017.
3. The average length of time young people are waiting for a first appointment and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.
4. Please give a snapshot of the average wait time for a first appointment as at 31/1/23
5. The average length of time young people are waiting between initial referral and treatment beginning at 31/1/23 and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.
6. Your (trust/board's annual budget and CAMHS overall annual budget and comparable figures for 2021 and 2017.

Response

1. The number of young people on the CAMHS waiting list for a first appointment is:

Month end	Number Waiting
February 2017	134
February 2021	198
February 2022	336
January 2023	324

2. The total number of young people referrals is:

Year (Jan-Dec)	All referrals	Accepted Referrals	Rejected Referrals
2017	714	515	199
2021	696	480	216
2022	860	611	249

3. The average length of time young people are waiting for a first appointment is:

Year (Jan-Dec)	Median (average)
2017	10 weeks
2021	12 weeks
2022	36 weeks

4. The average wait time for a first appointment as at 31/1/23 is 35 weeks.

5. The average length of time young people are waiting between initial referral and treatment beginning is:

Year (Jan-Dec)	Median (average)
2017	10 weeks
2021	11 weeks
2022	35 weeks
31-Jan-23	35 weeks

6. The annual budgets including comparable figures are:

	2017-18 Budget	2021-22 Budget
CAMHS Service	£ 403,839	£ 455,532
Child Psychology	£ 414,800	£ 458,480
Consultant Psychiatrist - Child	£ 240,457	£ 300,911
	£ 1,059,096	£ 1,214,923

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 **117-23** 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.