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**Re: Freedom of Information Request - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.

**You Asked for:**

1. Breaking down the data by each month, how many young people were referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) service for Tier 3 support from March 2019 to July 2020?
2. Breaking down the data by each month, how many young people were refused CAMHS services, because the service lacked capacity from March 2019 to July 2020?
3. Regarding CAMHS services in the financial year 2018-19:
  - a. How many patients waited more than 4 weeks for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - b. How many patients waited more than 18 weeks for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - c. How many patients waited more than 12 months for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - d. How many patients waited more than 4 weeks to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - e. How many patients waited more than 18 weeks to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - f. How many patients waited more than 12 months to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - g. What was the longest wait time for treatment?
4. Regarding CAMHS services in the financial year 2019-2020:
  - a. How many patients waited more than 4 weeks for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - b. How many patients waited more than 18 weeks for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - c. How many patients waited more than 12 months for an initial assessment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - d. How many patients waited more than 4 weeks to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
  - e. How many patients waited more than 18 weeks to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)

- f. How many patients waited more than 12 months to start treatment? (What percentage of the total is this?)
- g. What was the longest wait time for treatment?

### Our Response:

1. Please see the table below for information, however, please note, as of 04/09/2020, the data for July 2020 is not yet currently available.

Month	Referrals
Mar-19	297
Apr-19	215
May-19	287
Jun-19	243
Jul-19	284
Aug-19	175
Sep-19	192
Oct-19	274
Nov-19	217
Dec-19	169
Jan-20	273
Feb-20	263
Mar-20	245
Apr-20	136
May-20	173
Jun-20	109

2. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is not able to provide an answer for this question. Details of patients being an 'inappropriate referral' are recorded, however, this can be for a variety of reasons and unfortunately, the data files we receive do not allow us to identify the specific reason why.
3. Regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) services in the financial year 2018 - 2019:
  - a. 25 patients (1%)
  - b. 6 patients (0.2%)
  - c. 0
  - d. 1047 patients (52.8%)
  - e. 530 patients (26.7%)
  - f. 6 patients (0.3%)
  - g. 598 days
4. Regarding CAMHS services in the financial year 2019 - 2020:
  - a. 15 patients (0.60%)
  - b. 5 patients (0.20%)
  - c. 0
  - d. 11 patients (0.60%)
  - e. 5 patients (0.30%)
  - f. 0
  - g. 328 days

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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