

Reference:	FOI.10904.23
Subject:	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) waiting times
Date of Request:	7 February 2023

Requested:

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 31/1/2
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. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to fulfil your request exactly as requested. Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of children and young people (CYP) on a waiting list for an initial assessment, as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2021.

Date	Number
31 March 2017	42
31 March 2021	48

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of CYP referrals received and accepted, during the 2017, 2021 and 2022 calendar years.

Calendar year	Received	Accepted
2017	1,914	1,295
2021	2,655	1,839
2022	2,486	1,788

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average length of time CYP are waiting for an initial assessment, in weeks, during the 2017 and 2021 calendar years.

Calendar year	Average weeks
2017	2
2021	2

4. The UHB confirms that the average wait for an initial assessment was two (2) weeks, as at 31 January 2023.
5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average number of weeks' wait for CYP from initial assessment to treatment, during the 2017 and 2021 calendar years and as at 31 January 2023.

Period	Average weeks
2017	5
2021	9
31 January 2023	16

6. The UHB is unable to fulfil your request exactly as requested as the UHB's budget figures are held in financial years rather than calendar years. Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the UHB's annual budget and CAMHS overall budget, for the 2017/18, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	UHB budget	CAMHS budget
2017/18	£761m	£2.1m
2021/22	£1,031m	£4.2m
2022/23	£1,059m	£5.2m