

Reference:	FOI.14053.24
Subject:	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
Date of Request:	19 March 2024

Requested:

Please could you provide the figures by filling in and returning the spreadsheet attached – there are separate tabs (1-4) for each question which have been clearly labelled. You can find the tabs along the bottom of the document.

*When including data from 2024 please consider data up to the 19th of March (date of submission of the FOI).

Clarification

I would like to clarify some points because it wasn't specified in my original request... I am requesting information pertaining to...

- NHS referrals
- Referrals to specialist (tier 3) CAHMS

Re 'rejections' of referrals – that should include 'rejections' that took place either before an individual was ever assessed by CAMHS or immediately after an assessment took place.

I also want to clarify, because it is not clear in my original request... please respond with data pertaining to individual referrals not individual people i.e. if one person was referred more than once then please count the total number of referrals. I have realised the wording of question 2 asks for data on the number of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers when really it should ask for data on the number of referrals involving diagnosed autistic/teenagers.

And to clarify by 'already diagnosed' I mean children/teenagers who came to CAMHS with an existing autism diagnosis i.e. they weren't being referred for the purpose of an autism diagnosis.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The UHB does not centrally record information relating to the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Therefore, in order to provide you with the requested data for questions 2 and 4, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all CAMHS patient records, to identify the information to fulfil these parts of your requests.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds, within the attached spreadsheet, as requested, at Attachment 1.