

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. The total number of CAMHS referrals closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

In the period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 there was 1951 closed referrals to CAMHS teams where no activity was counted following the referral.

Of the 1951 closed referrals, the CCG is unable to identify the number of patients seen for treatment through an earlier or subsequent referral.

Referrals received by the CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPA) team where the discharge reason was 'Transferred to another team/service' have been excluded as to include these would double count referrals.

2. The percentage of CAMHS referrals closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date).

In the period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 35.2% of referrals received by CAMHS teams were closed without any activity being counted following the referral.

Of the 35.2% closed referrals, the CCG is unable to identify the number of patients seen for treatment through an earlier or subsequent referral.

Referrals received by the CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPA) team where the discharge reason was 'Transferred to another team/service' have been excluded as to include these would double count referrals.

3. A breakdown of reasons why these referrals were closed before treatment began from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 (or the nearest possible date)

Discharge reasons for closed CAMHS cases for the period 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021:

Advice only	7%
Client did not engage	11%
Client discharged	2%
Consultation completed	5%
Inappropriate referral	51%
Moved out of area	1%
One off contact	4%
System administration	2%
Transferred to another service/team	8%
Treatment complete	8%
Transferred to Primary Care	1%
Other reason	1%

*Examples of reasons for referrals (not exclusive): Anxiety, attention behaviour pathway, autism, depression, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder and body dysmorphic disorder, PTSD, psychosis, self harm, disorders inclusive of tourettes.

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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