

**Ref No. SG8087**

**Date: 1 May 2019**

**REQUEST:** The following request concerns primary school referrals to your NHS child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS). Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?
2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?
3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2018/19? Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

**OUR RESPONSE:** **Please note:** We do not record referrals under the category 'Primary Schools'. Therefore, the information provided below relates to referrals categorised under 'Education Establishment' for children up to and including age 11.

1. 2015/2016 – 4  
2016/2017 – 17  
2017/2018 – 12  
2018/2019 – 4
2. 2015/2016 – 0  
2016/2017 – 0  
2017/2018 – 0  
2018/2019 – 1
3. 1
4. 209 days
5. 3 days