

**Ref No. SG8138**

**Date: 24 May 2019**

**REQUEST:** What percentage of referrals to CAMHS services have been rejected or deemed inappropriate in the last financial year for which figures are available?

Please tick the reasons for refusal:

- a. Condition not serious enough to meet threshold for access to service
- b. Duration of condition not long enough (please state if you have a specific time limit)
- c. Condition or situation not suitable for CAMHS service intervention (eg child does not have a diagnosable mental health condition)
- d. Service lacks capacity to support the patient at this time
- e. Existence of co-morbidity which excludes support from your service (eg substance misuse)
- f. Young person above 18
- g. Other (please state)

What is your maximum waiting time in days for CAMHS from a) referral to first appointment and b) referral to start of treatment in 2017/18 or the most recent financial year available?

What is your median waiting time in days for CAMHS from a) referral to first appointment and b) referral to start of treatment in 2017/18 or the most recent financial year available?

If you collect the above information in weeks please could you state whether your measure of a week is equivalent to seven days? If you collect the information in months please could you state the number of days in each month?

Do you wish to make any further comments on the issue of rejected referrals to children's mental health services?

**OUR RESPONSE:** The information provided is from the financial year 2018/2019.

1. A-E) We are unable to provide this information as we do not capture it in our recording systems.  
F) 0.06% of total referrals have been rejected or deemed inappropriate due to young person being above 18.  
G) 19.17% of total referrals have been rejected or deemed inappropriate, but we are unable to distinguish between reasons.
2. A) 369 days  
B) 389 days
3. A) 21 days  
B) 29 days