

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-047

9 February 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Assessment:

- **What is the current number of people waiting for a CAMHS assessment?**
- **What is your average waiting time for CAMHS treatment?**
- **Who is the person responsible for managing these waiting lists?**
- **Has University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust does not provide a CAMHS service, so we do not hold this information. The local CAMHS is provided by the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership in partnership with Sirona care & health (lead partner), Bristol Community Health CIC, and Barnardo's. Full details can be found at <https://cchp.nhs.uk/>. We suggest you contact the Community Children's Health Partnership for this information.

2. Neurodevelopment Assessment:

- **What is the average waiting time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for children and adults?**

We do not run a neurodevelopmental assessment pathway but our Paediatric Neuropsychology service do conduct neurodevelopmental assessments as part of their work. We cannot isolate the specific patients in order to extract the waiting times. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- **What is the current number of children and adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment?**

We cannot isolate the specific patients in order to extract the waiting times. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- **Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?**

Professor Ingram Wright, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Neuropsychologist leads the Neuropsychology Service.

- **Has University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

No

3. Psychological Therapies:

- **What is the average waiting time for psychological therapies?**

We cannot isolate the specific patients in order to extract the waiting times. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- **What is the current number of adults awaiting psychological therapy?**

We cannot isolate the specific patients in order to extract the waiting times. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- **Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?**

Dr Sadie Thomas-Unsworth, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Dr Sam Cole, Deputy Head of Service, Paediatric Medical Specialties, lead the Psychological Health Services department.

- **Has University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out**

work on the waiting list?

No

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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