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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which was received on 19 March 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 20 March and 22 March 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information on referrals to your CAMHS services.

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.

My questions are as follows:

1. How many referrals were made to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

2. How many (already) diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were referred to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

2a. If possible, could you also please provide the proportion (%) these referrals made up of the total number of referrals each year?

3. How many referrals were 'rejected' (i.e. not accepted by CAMHS/referred to another service) from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

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3a. If possible, could you also please provide information on why the referrals were rejected?

4. How many referrals of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were 'rejected' from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

4a. If possible, could you also provide the proportion (%) these rejections made up of the total number of rejections for each year please. Please could you provide all of this information in calendar years.

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.

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

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.

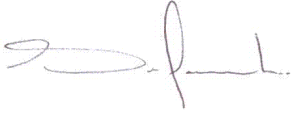
Powys Response:

Please see FOI 24.R.112 Attachment 1 for Powys Teaching Health Board's response to your above request.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.