

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-620	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
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**Please could you provide me with the following information for your area (CAMHS):**

**1. The proportion of referrals to the mental health services deemed inappropriate or rejected in the 2019/2020 financial year and the 2020/2021 financial year**

The Health Boards Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) only receive referrals accepted via a Single Point of Access for referrals for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing (SPACE Wellbeing).

For information the referrals into SPACE are discussed at panels attended by multi-professionals from education, GP's, CAMHS and Local Authority Services. Referrals are allocated to the service that will be best suited to meet the child or young person's needs supporting the SPACE Wellbeing aim "families get the right service, first time, at the right time, and that services work in a joined up way."

**2. The reasons for referrals to the mental health services being rejected in these years**

Please refer to Q1

**3. The median and maximum waiting times between initial assessment and the start of treatment in these years**

<b>CHOICE to NCP waiting times</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
Median wait	6 weeks	16 weeks
Longest wait	20 weeks	31 weeks