

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/618
CAMHS

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

2019/2020 - 1,797 declined referrals (35.71%)

2020/2021 - 2,207 declined referrals (50.12%)

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

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. However, under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that often the reasons for declined referrals are that the referral does not meet the minimum threshold for support and can be signposted elsewhere.

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

The UHB does not hold this information. However, under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you of the below mean and median waiting times from referral to 2nd appointment for routine referrals which would usually be the start of treatment following assessment:

2019/2020:

Mean - 20 weeks

Median - 15 weeks

2020/2021:

Mean - 35 weeks

Median - 12 weeks