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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2290**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding CAMHS threshold at Homerton Hospital Trust.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- CAMHS in City in Hackney has a Tier 2 Early intervention service that is for mild to moderate problems and to do preventative work. We do not have a lower threshold so referrals are only not accepted if there is a more appropriate service e.g. a safeguarding concern that good practice dictates should be dealt with by Children Social Care.
- CAMHS in City and Hackney operates a “no closed door practice” as advocated by CY IAPT so referrals are responded to by the three main CAMHS services at the point of entry and not sent back to the referrer. We have shared pathways.

**Please could you provide a copy of your threshold criteria for access to community (Tier 2) specialist community (Tier 3) and inpatient (Tier 4) (whichever is applicable) child and adolescent mental health services in your area, including any specific service thresholds for certain conditions such as eating disorders?**

With regards to the above question please contact East London Foundation Trust as they will be able to provide more information on this matter, they can be contacted via <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/Contact-Us/Freedom-of-Information-Online-Form>

Please could you also answer the following brief survey?

**What percentage of referrals to CAMHS services have been refused in the last year for which figures are available and for each of the last ten years?**

We are unable to provide this information for the last 10 years as it is not held in a readily available format. However we do anticipate that we will be in a position to start reporting on this information from April 2017.

**Please tick the reasons for refusal:**

**- Condition not serious enough to meet threshold for access to service**

No we do not say this, as we have a tier 2 CAMHS service which has no lower threshold.

**- Duration of condition not long enough (please state if you have a specific time limit)**

No, there is no restriction around duration as we have a tier 2 CAMHS service

**- Condition or situation not suitable for CAMHS service intervention (eg child does not have a diagnosable mental health condition)**

No as we have a tier 2 early intervention service from mild to moderate conditions and to do preventative work

**- Service lacks capacity to support the patient at this time**

This is not said; we have an on-going service delivery in City and Hackney CAMHS

**- Existence of co-morbidity which excludes support from your service (eg substance misuse)**

No this is not an exclusion criterion

**- Young person above 18**

YES we do not see children over 18, but currently there are two voluntary sector providers Family Action caters for 16- 25 and Off Centre also cater for over 18s. We have shared pathways with these services and if we receive a referral of and over 18 we ensure it gets to the appropriate alternative.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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