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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2502

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Homerton Hospital's CAMHS waiting time.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. What is the current waiting time for treatment for talking therapies in your area in primary healthcare? Please break down the wait for each type (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

5 Weeks

2. What is the current longest wait for talking therapies in your area in primary healthcare? That is, what length of time has the person who's been waiting the longest been waiting? Please give the wait for each type of therapy (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

48 Weeks – This was due to patient choice - treatment was offered within 6 weeks but was declined.

3. What is the current waiting time for treatment for talking therapies, appointments with psychologists or psychiatrists in your area in secondary healthcare? (Please break down the wait for each type (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

Secondary Care – no activity

4. What is the current longest wait for talking therapies, appointments with psychologists or psychiatrists in your area in secondary healthcare? That is, what length of time has the person who's been waiting the longest been waiting? Please give the wait for each type of therapy (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

Secondary Care – no activity

For the above questions please provide the figure for referral to first treatment waiting time, not referral to 'assessment' or 'intervention' time.

5. How many referrals have there been into adult mental health services in your area at a) primary care level and b) secondary care level in the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date. Please break referrals down into talking therapies and overall mental health referrals, if possible.

Primary Care

Year	# Referrals
2013	8791
2014	8443
2015	8220
2016 (Jan to Apr)	2415

Secondary Care = None.

6. What is the maximum number of talking therapy sessions an adult, eligible for therapy, can receive in your area at primary and secondary care level.

In line with NICE guidance, we offer up to 20 sessions. Session allocation is reviewed in clinical supervision.

As a separate FOI request, please provide the following information about the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in your area.

1. In Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), what is the current waiting time for a young person to receive talking therapies? Please give the wait for each type of therapy (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

We do not break down therapies by treatment type as we are an integrated service and treatment is agreed with clients and can use a number of therapies to fit client feedback.

Overall, the average waiting time for CAMHS was 2.7 weeks.

2. In CAMHS, what is the current longest wait to receive talking therapies? Please give the wait for each type of therapy (or 'choice of modality') which is available in your area.

We do not break down therapies by treatment type as we are an integrated service and treatment is agreed with clients and can use a number of therapies to fit client feedback.

Overall, the longest waiting time for CAMHS was 14.9 weeks – this was an exception as the child was initially due involved with Children's Social Care which was then closed, subsequently a number of multi-agency meetings and discussions took place prior to accepting the referral.

4. What is the maximum number of talking therapy sessions a young person, eligible for therapy, can receive in your area at primary and secondary care level.

First Steps (tier 2) are commissioned to offer 6 sessions but can at times offer further sessions and might refer to other CAMHS services in City and Hackney if needed at the end. CAMHS Disability (tier 3) are commissioned for 12 sessions, but can offer more as appropriate

5. How many referrals have there been into child and adolescent mental health services in your area at a) primary care level and b) secondary care level in the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date.

Primary Care

Year	# Referrals
2013	1388
2014	1651
2015	1634
2016 (Jan to Apr)	581

Secondary Care = None.

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