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REQUEST & RESPONSE

On Friday 11th August I sent through an FOI request to your trust entitled 'Child and Mental Health Services', and would like to correct that request. Please can you slightly alter my request to specifically look in to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) at your trust.

The updated FOI questions are below:

What was the average waiting time for patients referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at your trust between May 31st 2016 and May 30th 2017?

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The Trust process for patients being referred to CAMHS is that they are seen initially in the Emergency Dept where immediate treatment is given as necessary (eg. suturing, blood collection, etc). Following this, a referral is made to the Trust Paediatric team as well as the CAMHS team. CAMHS will assess when the child is fit for assessment within their working hours which are 9am-midnight, 7 days per week.

The average waiting time is between 2-8 hours depending on the child's condition.

What was the longest waiting time for a patient referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at your trust between May 31st 2016 and May 30th 2017?

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Please see comments above.

The longest waiting time for a patient referred to CAMHS is 48 hours. This was due to clinical need (eg. a patient requiring treatment).

How often did limited capacity mean your trust had to decline access to services for patients referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) between May 31st 2016 and May 30th 2017?

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As an acute Trust, and not a mental health provider, there have been no reported cases of limited capacity leading to a child being declined CAMHS service.

What's the furthest distance a patient has had to travel from your trust to find adequate, available care from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) between May 31st 2016 and May 30th 2017, having been turned away due to a lack of resources?

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All children who attend the trust with mental health issues are seen on site by the local CAMHS assessment team. Therefore none have been turned away due to lack of resources available at the Trust.

What age was the youngest patient dealt with by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at your trust between May 31st 2016 and May 30th 2017?

Eight years of age.