

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

My questions are as follows:

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) does not provide a community CAMHS service. This service is provided by North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) - we would suggest contacting NELFT to request the below information. EPUT provides inpatient CAMHS care.

1. How many referrals were made to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.
2. How many (already) diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were referred to your CAMHS services from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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| Number of referrals involving a diagnosed autistic child/ teen | | | | | | | |

3. If possible, could you also please provide the proportion (%) these referrals made up of the total number of referrals each year?

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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| What proportion of total referrals involved a diagnosed autistic child/ teen | | | | | | | |

4. How many referrals were 'rejected' (i.e. not accepted by CAMHS/referred to another service) from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.
5. If possible, could you also please provide information on why the referrals were rejected?
6. How many referrals of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers were 'rejected' from 2018-2024? Please give individual figures for each year.
7. If possible, could you also provide the proportion (%) these rejections made up of the total number of rejections for each year please.

Please could you provide all of this information in calendar years?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT 1

When including data from 2024 please consider data up to the 19th of March.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT CLARIFICATION 2

I am requesting information pertaining to...

- NHS referrals
- Referrals to specialist (tier 3) CAHMS

Re 'rejections' of referrals – that should include 'rejections' that took place either before an individual was ever assessed by CAMHS or immediately after an assessment took place.

I also want to clarify, because it is not clear in my original request... please respond with data pertaining to individual referrals not individual people i.e. if one person was referred more than once then please count the total number of referrals. I have realised the wording of question 2 asks for data on the number of diagnosed autistic children/teenagers when really it should ask for data on the number of referrals involving diagnosed autistic/teenagers.

When including data from 2024 please consider data up to the 19th of March (date of submission of the FOI).

And to clarify by 'already diagnosed' I mean children/teenagers who came to CAMHS with an existing autism diagnosis i.e. they weren't being referred for the purpose of an autism diagnosis.

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