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Dear Ms **Yeoman**

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Ref no: CAS-03663-T7K9R6-WF**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 31 July 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

**You requested the following information and our response is detailed below:**

1. **I am writing to request data under the Freedom of Information (2000) regarding the length of time between referral and starting treatment for psychological therapies, for patients referred in July 2018. I include in this all talking therapies offered within your service, and all methods of referral.**

**Commissioners receive waiting time information through the established contract monitoring process and data is submitted retrospectively, so the CCG does not hold data for patients referred in July 2018.**

1. **If this data is unavailable, I would like to know the current median average time a patient will spend on a waiting list before receiving psychological therapy.**

**Commissioners do not hold this information.**

**Right of appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

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If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Wyre Forest CCG. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely

**FOI Officer**

**On behalf of NHS Wyre Forest CCG**