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Dear Ms Venables

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Further to my acknowledgement letter of 26 February 2019, I note your request and I can confirm that the Trust holds all of the information you have requested and I am able to release it as follows:

1. *For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children were referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust? Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).*

| Referral Year | Number of patients referred | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-14 years | 15-17 years |
| 2016 | 38 | 407 | 1,457 | 1,700 |
| 2017 | 22 | 540 | 1,797 | 1,820 |
| 2018 | 19 | 543 | 1,983 | 2,034 |

2. *For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) what was the average waiting time for patients referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust? Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).*

| Referral Year | Average waiting time in days | | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-14 years | 15-17 years |
| 2016 | 12.2 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 24.0 |
| 2017 | 14.3 | 26.4 | 26.0 | 25.1 |
| 2018 | 3.7 | 15.0 | 21.4 | 22.2 |

3. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children had to wait longer than four weeks for a referral? Please divide that information by age (0-4 years) (5-9 years) (10-14 years) and (15-17 years).

| Referral Year | Number of patients waiting longer than 4 weeks | | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-14 years | 15-17 years |
| 2016 | 2 | 139 | 549 | 597 |
| 2017 | 6 | 201 | 697 | 652 |
| 2018 | 0 | 114 | 631 | 615 |

4. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) how many children were referred away to other trusts due to limited capacity? (Please name those Trusts)

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust has not referred any children requiring community mental health services to other NHS organisations. Information regarding the Trust's Tier 4 Child and Adolescent mental health Inpatient Ward (Wessex House) is held by NHS England Specialist Commissioning Team.

5. For each of the past three calendar years (2016, 17, and 18) what was the longest waiting time for a patient referred to the Child and Mental Health Services at your trust? If possible, please also include their age.

| Referral Year | Total wait in (days) | Patient's Age |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 2016 | 304.0 | 13.2 |
| 2017 | 223.0 | 15.2 |
| 2018 | 210.0 | 8.6 |

If you require further assistance or clarification to any part of this reply please quote the reference number and contact the Corporate Governance Directorate on 01278 432000 or contact Dawn Godfrey, FOI Officer, directly on 01278 432084 or via e-mail at FOI@sompar.nhs.uk

I hope this reply is helpful and thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Governance and Corporate Development

If you are unsatisfied with this response, you can write to the Chief Executive at the address supplied at the top of the letter; please quote the reference number. If you remain dissatisfied with the response you receive from the Trust you retain the right to progress any complaint under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.