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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/16/05/20.

You requested 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.



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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

As we are an ambulance service and treat patients on scene and/ or transport them to hospital, we do not hold any clinics and therefore we are unable to respond to these questions.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion.

If, for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response, you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust's (SECAmb) Internal Review Procedure at:

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Should you remain unhappy with the outcome of any such internal review, you may request a decision from the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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