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*Our ref.: FOI/20/096*

**Dear Ms Boyce**

**RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Mental Health assessment**

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your request relates to mental health assessment for 2018-19.

Please see below a Trust response.

- 1. The total number of new referrals received by the Trust for consideration for mental health assessment.**
- 2. The number of those referrals who received a mental health assessment.**
- 3. A breakdown of numbers referred by type of referral i.e. emergency, urgent or routine.**

In response to parts 1 – 3 of your request please see the tables below which shows details of the number of referrals received and the total number of referrals accepted by the Trust's Adult Mental Health Teams in financial year 2018/19. These are broken down to show emergency, routine and urgent referrals separately.

### **Adult Mental Health Teams - Total Referrals Received for 2018/2019**

Type of referral	Emergency	Routine	Urgent	Total
Number of referrals	3945	12111	4172	20228

### **Adult Mental Health Teams - Total Referrals Accepted for 2018/2019**

Type of referral	Emergency	Routine	Urgent	Total
Number of referrals	3541	11460	3939	18940

- 4. The average waiting time from date of referral received to assessment being carried out, disaggregated by referral type.**
- 5. The shortest and the longest waiting times experienced by individuals, from date of referral received to an assessment being carried out.**

The 9 week targets are set by the regional Integrated Elective Access Protocol (DoH (NI), 2008). This sets good practice guidelines and standards to assist with the effective management of outpatient, diagnostic, and inpatient waiting lists.

Appendix 1 below shows the monthly 'Mental Health Services Waiting Times Week End Breaches 2018-19 (Health and Social Care Board Return)'. This is a snapshot figure showing the Trust's waiting times position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 for 'non consultant led services'.

We hope you find this response helpful. Please contact us at the below address if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

(Not signed – issued by email)

**Freedom of Information Office  
Western Health and Social Care Trust**

*Freedom of Information: If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ ([foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.*

*If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.*

Appendix 1

Monthly Mental Health Services Waiting Times Week End Breaches 2018-19 (HSCB Return)

Trust Name	WHSCT
WL Position as of COP	Friday 31st March 2019

	Non Consultant-led Services	0-3 weeks (0 to 21 days)	>3 to 6 weeks (22 to 42 days)	>6 to 9 weeks (43 to 63 days)	>9 to 13 weeks (64 to 91 days)	> 13 to 18 weeks (92-126 days)	> 18 to 26 weeks (127-182 days)	> 26 to 39 weeks (183-273 days)	> 39 to 52 weeks (274-364 days)	> 52 weeks (365+ days)	Total Waits	Longest Wait (in days)
Adult Mental Health Services	Primary Care Mental Health Team	113	121	120	77	111	157	182	127	45	1053	426
	Forensic Services	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	62
	Eating Disorder Services	5	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	17	101
	Addiction Services	104	82	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	62
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1277</b>	

	Non Consultant-led Services	0-3 weeks (0 to 21 days)	>3 to 6 weeks (22 to 42 days)	>6 to 9 weeks (43 to 63 days)	>9 to 13 weeks (64 to 91 days)	> 13 to 18 weeks (92-126 days)	> 18 to 26 weeks (127-182 days)	> 26 to 39 weeks (183-273 days)	> 39 to 52 weeks (274-364 days)	> 52 weeks (365+ days)	Total Waits	Longest Wait (in days)
Psychological Therapies	Adult Mental Health	37	57	68	86	68	65	67	33	16	497	430
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>497</b>	