

Request Ref: 2717

FOI Request dated **15/09/2022** as follows –

1. How many students are **currently on the wait list** to access mental health support services?
2. How long is the **average wait** for students to access your mental health support services in days/weeks?
3. Please can you provide the **number of referrals** to mental health services for your students:
 - a. Per month for 2022 (year to date), 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017
 - i. If a breakdown by month is not possible, please provide a breakdown by year or year to date
4. How many mental health counsellors you currently employ in 2022
5. How many mental health counsellors you employed in 2019

Response

1. There is no waiting list as students are booked an appointment immediately.
3. In the academic year 20/21 we referred 35 students to secondary mental health services including crisis team. We signposted a further 30 students to secondary mental health services. We signposted 127 students to primary mental health services (IAPT).

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Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following links -

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/student/2541-student-mental-health.pdf> and
<https://www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/student/2628-mental-health-remit.pdf>