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Dear 

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information on 12 December 2014 and your subsequent clarification received on 22 December 2014, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

You requested the following information on 12 December 2014:

“I would like information on average waiting times between a patient diagnosed with depression or anxiety to seeing a counsellor, therapist or IAPT equivalent. Does the CANDI hold this information?”

On 17 December 2014 the Trust sought the following clarification from you.

“The Trust can provide waiting times between referral and session for IAPT (as a whole, not by type of therapist) and we can pull this by Diagnosis – though if the interest is in just Depression and Anxiety – then even if not formally diagnosed, this is what the service focuses on. Please could you clarify exactly, the information you would like to receive.”

You provided the following clarification on 22 December 2014:

“Please provide data under the Freedom of Information Act on waiting times between referral and session to IAPT. Please break this down by diagnosis and geographically.”

The Trust’s response is set out below:

Please note that all figures for are waiting time from referral to the service to first treatment session (this does not include sessions coded as Assessment Only). These figures are an average (median) wait time of all waits from October 2013 until December 2014.

By Location:

South Camden	–	22 Days
North Camden	–	21 Days
South Islington	–	28 Days
North Islington	–	31 Days

By Diagnosis:

F10	(Mental and Behavioural Disorders due to Use of Alcohol)	- 24 Days
F32	(Depressive Episode)	- 23 Days
F33	(Recurrent Depressive Episode)	- 27 Days
F40	(Agoraphobia)	– 27 Days
F40.1	(Social Phobias)	– 28 Days
F40.2	(Specific Isolated Phobias)	– 26 Days
F41	(Panic Disorder)	– 22 Days
F41.1	(Generalised Anxiety Disorder)	– 22 Days
F41.2	(Mixed Anxiety and Depressive Disorder)	– 24 Days
F42	(Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)	– 31 Days
F43.1	(Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)	– 37 Days

Please note that these figures do not include pauses (so it differs from our nationally submitted data) as all data prior to September 2014 has been transferred from our previous data system and the waiting time pauses were not transferred retrospectively.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner' Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely


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