Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. I would like to know the average wait time for adult mental health services for; 2024 so far, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

   The Trust has interpreted this request to include the following:-

   Adult Patients who are externally referred for a routine mental health assessment.

   The average wait from referral to first attended appointment was:-
   2020/21: 21 days
   2021/22: 25 days
   2022/23: 31 days
   2023/24: 34 days
   2024/25: 34 days (April to June)

2. I would like to know how many people are currently on the waiting list for adult mental health services.
   As at 21st June 2024, there are 303 patients who have not yet attended a first appointment.

3. I would like to know currently what is the longest someone has been waiting to access mental health services, and what was their condition/reason for being on the waiting list.

   Currently the average wait for first appointment is 34 days. The longest wait for a patient who has not yet attended a first appointment is 457 days, with depression noted as the reason for referral. We believe further validation is required.

4. I would like to know how many people in the last year - April 2024 to April 2023 - didn't turn up for their appointment after being on the waiting list.
   There were 60 patients who didn't attend their first appointment.

5. I would like to know how many people have died in the last year - April 2024 to April 2023 - whilst being on your waiting list.

   There were no deaths of patients whilst waiting for their first assessment across this time period.
   Date of Death is obtained by data received from the National Spine.

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