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**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** CAMHS referral wait times

**Q1** In the last five years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019), what was the average waiting time between a child being referred to CAMHS and receiving their initial appointment?  
 - Please provide this information for all age groups and, if possible, separated by the age brackets: 5-10, 11-16, 16-18

**A1**

YEAR	PATIENT AGE GROUP	AVERAGE WEEKS WAIT
2019	5-10 years	11.87
2019	11-16 years	8.07
2019	16-18 years	8.14
2020	5-10 years	10.4
2020	11-16 years	5.22
2020	16-18 years	3.68
2021	5-10 years	9.04
2021	11-16 years	5.05
2021	16-18 years	3.72
2022	5-10 years	11.63
2022	11-16 years	7.24
2022	16-18 years	5.04
2023	5-10 years	10.92
2023	11-16 years	7.86
2023	16-18 years	5.25

**Q2** In the last five years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019), what was the longest waiting time between a child being referred to CAMHS and receiving their initial appointment?  
 - Please provide this information for all age groups and, if possible, separated by the age brackets: 5-10, 11-16, 16-18

**A2** Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.