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## FOI REQUEST NUMBER 247-2015

**Request:**

**Current waiting times for:**

- assessment for psychological therapy and
- treatment with psychological therapy

**with the following services in your Trust:**

- general psychological therapy services (who would typically help treat depression and anxiety disorders at IAPT step 4)
- eating disorder services
- early intervention services
- personality disorder services
- CAMHS services

**Please do not include waiting lists for IAPT step 2 and 3 services.**

*If no formal waiting times are routinely kept, the length of time that recently assessed and treated patients had to wait from the date of their referrals would be suitable alternative pieces of information.*

**Response:**

I can confirm that the Trust holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, current circumstances are that due to new computer systems being implemented identifying the data would take over 18 hours, as it would need to be a manual review. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. The appropriate limit has been specified for central public authorities at £450. This represents the estimated costs of one person spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the authority is not obliged to comply with a request where the appropriate limit is exceeded.

We anticipate that this situation will be remedied by the end of the year so may we suggest that you reapply in January if you still require the information.