

**FOI 1516 240**

**Summary Issue: NHS Talking Therapies**

**This information relates to Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
1. The average number of weeks it takes from telephone assessment with NHS Talking Therapies in Bristol to that person starting treatment (year by year over the last ten years or as far as records go back if less than 10 years).	Bristol CCG was established on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013 we therefore do not hold information prior to this date.  Due to changes in recording methods and waiting time targets it would take longer than the 18 hours allowed under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to provide this data.  We are able to advise that the average time waiting from assessment to 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment appointment between May 2015 and November 2015 was - 6.5 weeks
2. The number of people being put on 'holding referral' with Bristol NHS Talking Therapies (kept on the system as a cushion after no more treatment can be offered to them at the end of their course) (year by year over the last ten years or as far as records go back if less than 10 years).	We do not offer a 'holding referral' option within the Bristol NHS Talking Therapies

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3. The number of people in Bristol requesting more treatment within six months of being placed on 'holding referral' by NHS Talking Therapies (year by year over the last ten years or as far as records go back if less than ten years).	We do not offer a 'holding referral' option within the Bristol NHS Talking Therapies

Question	Response
4. The average time it takes for people to return to treatment after requesting it whilst on 'holding referral' with NHS Talking Therapies (year by year over the last ten years or as far as records go back if less than ten years).	We do not offer a 'holding referral' option within the Bristol NHS Talking Therapies

Question	Response
5. What is the total number of referrals you have had for NHS Talking Therapies for each calendar year for the last ten years, or as far as records go back if less than ten years, including the year Jan-Dec 2015?	<p>Bristol CCG was established on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 we therefore do not hold information prior to this date.</p> <p>Nov 2012 – Oct 2013 – 8,981  Nov 2013 – Oct 2014 – 11,552  Nov 2014 – Oct 2015 – 11,167</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.