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CAMHS and the delays/rejections since the pandemic. Please could you provide me with the following information for your area:

Q1 The proportion of referrals to the mental health service deemed inappropriate or rejected in the 2019/2020 financial year and the 2020/2021 financial year

A1 2019/20 – 8%
 2020/21 – 8%

NB: this includes rejected referrals, not referrals signposted to other agencies

Q2 The reasons for referrals to the mental health services being rejected in these years

- A2
- Change of service required
 - Inappropriate age
 - Inappropriate referral
 - Out of area
 - Outpatient appointment not required
 - Reject Referral

NB: these are standard rejection reasons used by the Trusts Electronic Patient Record (EPR)

Q3 The median and maximum waiting times between initial assessment and the start of treatment in these years

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Status	2019-20	2020-21
Median wait from Initial assessment to start of treatment	4.00	3.57
Maximum wait from initial assessment to start of treatment	72.57	66.29