

FOI 0118/2021 Response

Request

Dear Officer

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1 a)/ The monthly number of CAMHS referrals of children (under-18s) for each month from April 2020 up to and including June 2021? Please only record a single referral if a single child has been referred multiple times in a month.

1 b)/ The monthly number of (individual) children treated by CAMHS services for each month from April 2020 up to and including June 2021? 2/ The average current waiting time for treatment for a child who has been referred to CAMHS?

2/ The average current waiting time for treatment for a child who has been referred to CAMHS?

3/ The longest known time an individual child (under 18) spent waiting for treatment since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown) having been referred for CAMHS support? The referral initiating the period of time spent waiting for treatment can pre-date the pandemic (i.e. if the child was referred in November 2019 and was treated in February 2021 the response would be 15 months).

4/ The known most number of times an individual child referred for CAHMS support has been declined (i.e. rejected or discharged as inappropriate referral) mental health services since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown)?

5/ The number of children (under 18s) believed to have killed themselves (i.e. suicide) while waiting for CAMHS treatment since March 23rd 2020 (the date of the first UK lockdown) to date? How long had each or any case been waiting for treatment? Please detail all known or recorded cases and do not conduct additional research if records are not held. If records are not held, please detail any policy or explanation as to why they are not held.

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

Response

Please see attached spreadsheet and note the following:

- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Barnardo's and Autism West Midlands work together to provide emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people in Solihull within our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Solar.

We provide multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment of children and young people with mental health or severe emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The service currently accepts children and young people, until their 19th birthday, who are residents in the borough of Solihull, go to school or college in the Solihull area, or have a Solihull GP.

- For information on children and young people in receipt of CAMHS services in Birmingham, please redirect your request to Forward Thinking Birmingham Service which is hosted by Birmingham Women's and Children's Trust.

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