

FOI 0183/2021 Response

Request

I would like to make an FOI request.

For the purpose of the request, "children" means anyone aged 18 or under.

I want to request the following information for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date:

1. How many children were referred to your Trust's mental health services for each of these years?

Of these numbers, could I please get a breakdown by male/female and by age (under-10s, 10–15-year-olds, 16–18-year-olds).

2. For these children, what was the average and longest waiting time for each of these years:
 - a. for a first CAMHS appointment?
 - b. For admission to a CAMHS Tier 4 bed?

3. How many children were admitted to a CAMHS Tier 4 bed for each of these years?

Of these numbers, could I please get a breakdown by male/female, by age (under- 10s, 10–15-year-olds and 16–18-year-olds) and service type.

4. How many Serious Incidents were recorded among children in CAMHS Tier 4 beds in each of these years?

Of these numbers, could I please get a breakdown by male/female, by age (under- 10s, 10–15-year-olds and 16–18-year-olds) and service type.

5. How many Serious Incidents were recorded among children waiting for admission to a CAMHS Tier 4 bed in each of these years?

Of these numbers, could I please get a breakdown by male/female, by age (under- 10s, 10–15-year-olds and 16–18-year-olds) and service type.

6. 6. How many CAMHS Tier 4 beds did the Trust have in each of these years?

Response

Please see the attached spreadsheet and note that 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.

- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust also provide a low secure inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and a medium secure inpatient Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS)

The low secure inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health service (CAMHS) provides multi-disciplinary assessments, mental health intervention and treatment for patients with mental health difficulties, until their 18th birthday.

The medium secure inpatient Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS) provides multi-disciplinary assessments, mental health intervention and treatment for patients with forensic history and complex mental health difficulties, until their 19th birthday.

Both low and medium secure CAMHS services are nationally commissioned and available to patients across England.

- Trust is unable provide a response to question 2b and 5. This is because we do not have a recording mechanism that enables us to say how long a patient was waiting for a bed.