

FOI 0206/2021 Response

Background information:

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 services are nationally commissioned and available to patients across England

- 1. The number of young people (0-18 years old) admitted to CAMHS tier 4 acute services by age group* in the following years: 2009-10, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21**

Age Group	09/10	18/19	19/20	20/21
14-16	-	6	7	5
16-18	2	9	5	2
Grand Total	2	15	12	7

- 2. The number of young people waiting to be admitted (delayed or on a waiting list) to CAMHS tier 4 acute services by age group in the following years: 2009-10, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21**

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query, this is because we do not have a recording mechanism that enables us to confirm who as well as how long a child and young person was waiting for a bed.

- 3. The number of young people admitted to CAMHS tier 4 acute services for reasons relating to suicidal ideations or suicide attempt by age group in the following years: 2009-10, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21**

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query, this is because we do not have a recording mechanism that enables us to confirm the number of young people admitted to CAMHS tier 4 acute services for reasons relating to suicidal ideations or suicide attempt.

- 4. If there are any capacity issues with CAMHS Tier 4 services, please explain what these are and any factors.**

Currently, there are some capacity issues within the Trust's CAMHS low secure ward.

This is due to delayed discharges which are impacting the Trust's ability to admit individuals into the ward. This is reviewed regularly across the week, and we continue to work closely with NHSE Commissioners and Clinical Commissioning Groups to source appropriate placements for the patients who are now classed as Delayed Transfers of Care.

The Issue is further compounded by a national shortage of Registered Mental Health Nurses (RMN). The Trust is experiencing some challenges in recruiting RMN, despite robust recruitment and advert drives.

The above issues therefore means that referrals that are assessed with an outcome of needing high observations are not currently admitted.

However, these individuals are discussed across the national Low Secure Network with services to identify capacity to admit. We remain in communication regarding such cases and would always seek to admit should our own site capacity change.

Please note that we are admitting patients who are being repatriated from out of area or transitioning into community services.