

## **FOI 034/2021 Response**

### **Request**

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:**

- 1) For the 2020-21 financial year please tell me the following information regarding waiting times for young people in all CAMHS that you run:
  - a. The total number of young people referred to your CAMHS
  - b. The average waiting time between referral and second contact (in days)
  - c. The number of people waiting between 0 and 4 weeks
  - d. The number of people waiting between 4 and 6 weeks
  - e. The number of people waiting between 6 and 8 weeks
  - f. The number of people waiting between 8 and 10 weeks
  - g. The number of people waiting between 10 and 12 weeks
  - h. The number of people waiting over 12 weeks
  - i. The number of people where referral was closed before treatment
  - j. The number of people still waiting, no contact
  - k. The number of contacts before referral
  
- 2) Could you also give a quarterly breakdown of these figures in the 2020-21 financial year please?
  
- 3) Could you also give me the same information for the 2019-20 financial year:
  - a. In total
  - b. As a quarterly breakdown

## **Response**

### **Background information:**

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.

- Please see attached spreadsheet and note the following:
- Please note that data in relation to referral to second contact in days has been provided as requested. However, in addition, it should be noted that the referral to first contact will also have been carried out in terms of assessment, but which can sometimes also include intervention in itself such as advice and sign-posting.
- The data is representative of financial years (starting on the 1st April, and ending on 31st March).
- The data within the columns Q1-Q4 is the number of patients waiting at each quarter.
- The data provided in Q4 is representative of the number of waits at the end of the financial year.
- The Trust is unable to provide data for question 1K, this is because there is no contact with patients before a referral to the Trust.
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