

FOI119 Request

Request

In follow up, could I also please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the CAMHS Tier 4 wards listed in your response:

1. Which organisation/s provide/s Independent Mental Health Advocacy for the child inpatients (aged under 18) in these CAMHS Tier 4 inpatient services?
2. Does the contract with the advocacy provider/s require the provision of specific materials for children (aged under 18)?
3. How many children (aged under 18) in these wards received support from an advocate in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?
4. How many complaints from children (aged under 18) and/or their parents were recorded in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?
(If you have information on the reason for those complaints please provide this).
5. How many of the children in CAMHS Tier 4 wards, who made a complaint received assistance from an independent advocate when making the complaint in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?
6. How many children (aged under 18) who were mental health inpatients in these wards over the last three years were looked after by children's services under section 20 or section 31 of the Children Act 1989?

Response

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide a low secure inpatient Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS Tier 4) and a medium secure inpatient Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS Tier 4).

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

The medium secure FCAMHS service 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. Which organisation/s provide/s Independent Mental Health Advocacy for the child inpatients (aged under 18) in these CAMHS Tier 4 inpatient services?

Building Community Advocacy (BCA) provide independent mental health advocacy to CAMHS Tier 4 inpatients.

2. Does the contract with the advocacy provider/s require the provision of specific materials for children (aged under 18)?

There is no specification outlined in the contract with BCA to provide/make available specific materials to patients within the CAMHS Tier 4 inpatient service.

However, as a part of the Trust's welcome pack, issued to patients when they are admitted to the CAMHS Tier 4 inpatients service, a specific leaflet providing essential information about independent mental health advocacy is provided.

3. How many children (aged under 18) in these wards received support from an advocate in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?

The Trust is unable to provide further information to this question, this is because the data is not held in our system in a reportable format.

To obtain the requested information will require the Trust to manually search and collate the data, which the Trust is unable to facilitate. With this in mind, note that an exemption, Section 12 has been applied as the Trust does not have the capacity to fulfil this query.

Please note that the Trust ensures all patients are supported to obtain access to an independent mental health advocate via the BCA service.

4. **How many complaints from children (aged under 18) and/or their parents were recorded in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20? (If you have information on the reason for those complaints please provide this).**

Please see the table below and note that the data provided in financial years.

| Financial Year | Number Of Complaint | Reason of Complaint |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1/04/2017 - 31/03/2018 | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Appointments • Allegation of assault |
| 01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019 | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Confidentiality • Allegation of assault • Appointment |
| 01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020 | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Restrain technique |

5. **How many of the children in the CAMHS Tier 4 inpatient services who made a complaint received assistance from an independent advocate when making the complaint in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?**

The Trust is unable to provide further information to this question, this is because our system does not capture the information in the level of detail requested.

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6. **How many children (aged under 18) who were mental health inpatients in these wards over the last three years were looked after by children's services under section 20 or section 31 of the Children Act 1989?**

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