

FOI213 Response

Request

1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four calendar years (2017, 2018,2019,2020 so far)? Please break this down by month.
2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined for each of the last four calendar years (including 2020 so far)
3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 calendar years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2020?

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 borough, or have a Solihull GP. The CAMHS Solar service accepts referrals from GPs, schools, Social Services self-referrals from young people and parents/carers.

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.

- 1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four calendar years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 so far)? Please break this down by month.**

Please see table below and note the following,

- The data has been provided where the referral source is School / Other Education or School Nurse and when the patient was aged 11 or under at the time of referral.
- The data provided for 2017, 2018 and 2019 is in calendar years.
- The data provided for the year 2020 is presentative to October 2020.

Month	Number of Referrals			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	0	0	0	1
February	1	0	0	0
March	3	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	2	8	0	0
June	0	3	0	3
July	3	2	1	8
August	0	1	0	14
September	0	0	0	13
October	1	4	0	29
November	1	1	2	-
December	0	1	1	-

2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined for each of the last four calendar years (including 2020 so far)

Please table below and note the following,

- The data has been provided where the referral source is School / Other Education or School Nurse and when the patient was aged 11 or under at the time of referral.
- The data provided is in relation to referrals that were discharged with a reason indicating declined referral ('Assessed, unsuitable, advised and returned to referrer', 'Assessed, unsuitable, advised and redirected', 'Screened, unsuitable, returned to referrer', 'Screened, unsuitable, redirected')
- The data provided for 2017,2018 and 2019 is in calendar years.
- The data provided for the year 2020 is presentative to October 2020.

Month	Number of Declined			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	1	2	1	0
August	0	1	0	0
September	0	0	0	3
October	0	1	0	1
November	0	1	0	-
December	0	0	0	-

3. **The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?**

In the last four financial years there has been one (1) individual declined from our services.

Please note that the number of times the individual was declined is one (1).

- 4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 calendar years (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?**

The longest waiting time over the last four calendar years is 9.7 weeks.

Please note that the figured provided is in relation to completed wait from referral to assessment.

- 5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2020?**

The average wating time is 2.4 weeks.

Please note that the figured provided is in relation to the average wait from referral to assessment