

**FOI 0250/2023**

*Clarification provided by the Requester:*

*Rejected meaning referrals that have been returned to the referring agency/referrer. Referrals to CAMHS in your area that have been rejected and No further treatment/intervention from CAMHS was given at the time.*

Please note that 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.

**1.The proportion of referrals to the mental health service deemed inappropriate or rejected in the 2No19/2No20 financial year and the 2No20/2No21 financial year**

FY	Returned to Referrer	Not Returned to Referrer	Rate of Return
2019/20	337	1616	17.26%
2020/21	448	1572	22.18%

**2.The reasons for referrals to the mental health services being rejected in these years**

Referral Decision	2019/20	2020/21
Assessed, unsuitable, advised and returned to referrer	163	166
Screened, unsuitable, returned to referrer	174	282
Total	337	448

**3.The median and maximum waiting times between initial assessment and the start of treatment in these years**

*\*\*Clarification: Only completed waits for treatment are included.*

*Please note that a referral received in November 2020 consisted of 2 failed attempts to book an assessment via phone and a partial booking letter was sent. An appointment was arranged for 2nd December 2020 however, this appointment was cancelled by the parent and the Young Person (Y.P) was seen on the 10th December 2020.*

*The outcome of the assessment concluded for Psychotherapy. Whilst waiting for Psychotherapy, there contact was made with the Y.P via the Solar Crisis Team and contacts with professionals around the Y.P and their parents.*

*The length of wait for Psychotherapy was due to capacity issues within this pathway and the Y.P was allocated at the earliest opportunity.*

	2019/20	2020/21
Median Waiting Time (in Days)	59	52
Maximum Waiting Time (in Days)	699	756