

FOI 0357 2025 Response

1. Please provide statistics showing the number of children and young people (under 18 years old) referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) during the following time periods:

- A) October 2024 – October 2025
- B) October 2023 – October 2024
- C) October 2022 – October 2023
- D) October 2021 – October 2022
- E) October 2020 – October 2021

Period	Number of Referrals
Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	2941
Oct 2023 - Sept 2024	2150
Oct 2022 - Sept 2023	2146
Oct 2021 - Sept 2022	2391
Oct 2020 - Sept 2021	2416

2A. The average waiting time (in weeks) from referral to first assessment within CAMHS.

Period	Avg Waiting (Weeks): Referral → Assessment
Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	10.8
Oct 2023 - Sept 2024	6.6
Oct 2022 - Sept 2023	15.3
Oct 2021 - Sept 2022	7.3
Oct 2020 - Sept 2021	4.6

2B. The average waiting time (in weeks) from first assessment to the start of treatment.

Period	Avg Waiting (Weeks): Assessment → Treatment
Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	29.5
Oct 2023 - Sept 2024	22.3
Oct 2022 - Sept 2023	16.7
Oct 2021 - Sept 2022	19.9
Oct 2020 - Sept 2021	11.6

2C. The longest recorded waiting time from referral to the start of treatment during each period

Period	Max Waiting(Weeks): Referral → Treatment
Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	167.7
Oct 2023 - Sept 2024	127.9
Oct 2022 - Sept 2023	126.7
Oct 2021 - Sept 2022	106.1
Oct 2020 - Sept 2021	92.3

For the above data please note:

Figures for 2A, 2B and 2C are completed waits in that year

Figures cover the 12 month period 1st October to 30th September for each year.

As of 1st July 2025, Forward Thinking Birmingham – service previously hosted by Birmingham Women’s and Children’s Trust, has been transferred to BSMHFT. For this service, the data only covers 1st July to current, and we do not have any data prior to this time period.

Should you wish to access data prior to 1st July 2025, please redirect this element of your request to Birmingham Women’s and Children’s Trust.