

FOI 0418/2025 Response

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am an undergraduate student conducting research for my major study project, researching access to NHS Mental Health Services for young people experiencing homelessness. Specifically, I am requesting anonymised data regarding service users who meet the following criteria:

1. Age range: 18 to 24 years.
2. Accommodation status: Those identified as NOT living in homeless supported accommodation, such as (but not limited to): Living with parents, Living with friends, Living alone, Living with family.
3. Time period: From 1 January 2020 to the most recent available data.

I would be grateful if the information could include the following, presented in aggregate/anonymised form:

- The number of individuals aged 18–24 each year since 2020 who were identified as living in homeless supported accommodation (as defined above).
- If available, a breakdown by year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date).

I am not seeking any personal or identifiable information. I only require anonymised, aggregated data

Response

Please see the tables below for the requested information and note:

- Table 1 represents the number of young people aged 16-24 accessing the service and identified as living in NOT homeless accommodation.
- Table 2 represents the number of young people aged 16-24 accessing the service and identified as living in a homeless accommodation.
- Data covering the year 2025 is from 1st January to 31st December.
- 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. 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 Hospital NHS Trust.

Table 1	
Year	Patient Count
2020	3681
2021	3803
2022	3878
2023	4586

2024	4711
2025	5192

Table 2	
Year	Patient Count
2020	100
2021	85
2022	65
2023	68
2024	39
2025	42