

## **FOI101 Response**

### **Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act would it be possible to know the following:

1) What was the total number of children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2020?

2) What was the total number of children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2019?

3) What was the average waiting time for children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2020?

4) What was the average waiting time for children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2019?

## **Response**

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.

Please note that the data provided below relates to the waiting lists for the Trust's CAMHS community service in Solihull. 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.

Also note that the data provided below, has been calculated from referral to treatment (2nd appointment).

### **1. What was the total number of children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2020?**

254

### **2. What was the total number of children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2019?**

412

### **3. What was the average waiting time for children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2020.**

Mean of 100 days (14 weeks) from referral. However, 14 weeks is not a typical wait, with over half (53%) of people having been on the list for less than 8 weeks.

### **4. What was the average waiting time for children and adolescents (CAMHS) on a waiting list for all talking therapies as of July 2019?**

Mean of 83 days (12 weeks) from referral. In July 2019, 41% of people on the waiting list had been waiting for less than 8 weeks.