

FOI145 Response

Request

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my enquiry as specifically as possible. However, if this request is too wide or unclear, please feel free to contact me for clarification.

I am looking for information about the length of time children and young people experiencing their first episode of psychosis wait to start assessment once they have been referred to a specialist mental health service at the Trust.

As such, I would really appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. What is the Trust's target waiting time for a child or young person experiencing their first episode of psychosis to start assessment after being referred to a specialist mental health service at the Trust?
2. How many children and young people experiencing their first episode of psychosis were referred to the Trust for assessment in 2019/20?
3. On average, how long did children and young people experiencing their first episode of psychosis wait for their assessment to start after being referred in 2019/20?
4. How many children and young people experiencing their first episode of psychosis who have been referred to the Trust are currently waiting to start their assessment

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.

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.

Question 1

What is the target waiting time within which a child or young person referred to BSMHFT CAMHS for first episode psychosis should receive assessment?

In line with national standards, referrals for first episode psychosis (FEP) must start appropriate NICE-approved treatment within 14 calendar days from the date of referral, unless further assessment rules out (FEP) as a diagnosis.

Question 2

How many children & young people were referred to the Trust for assessment of their first episode of psychosis between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020?

Eight (8) patients aged under 18 years were referred to the Trust for first episode psychosis during this period.

Question 3

What was the average wait (in days) experienced by children & young people for their assessment after being referred between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020?

The average wait for children and young people between receipt of referral and assessment was seven (7) days during this period.

Question 4

How many children & young people referred to the Trust are currently waiting for assessment at time of writing?

On 13th October 2020 there are no (0) patients aged under 18 years currently waiting for assessment after referral for first episode psychosis.