

## **FOI266 Response**

### **Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to make a request regarding the waiting times for specialist multi-disciplinary (Tier 3) \* community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Our request consists of five questions:

#### Size of population

1. What is the size of the total population of under 18-year-olds covered by your Trust?

#### Wait to initial appointment.

2a. Overall based on the total number of referrals to Community CAMHS, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to initial appointment with healthcare professional (this includes a CHOICE or triage appointment and/or telephone or video call assessments)? Please provide data for the previous three full financial years (2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020).

2b. In the financial year 2019/2020, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to initial appointment with healthcare professional (this includes a CHOICE or triage appointment and/or telephone or video call assessments) broken down by primary reason for referral?

#### Wait to treatment.

3a. Overall based on the total number of referrals to Community CAMHS, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to start of treatment? Please provide data for the previous three full financial years (2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020).

3b. In the financial year 2019/2020, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to start of treatment broken down by primary reason for referral?

We kindly request that the information is sent digitally in a spreadsheet format: Excel format (.xlsx) would be ideal if possible – the attached spreadsheet (Excel WAIT Study FOI Request Revised.xlsx) provides a template to enter the requested data. If you do not wish to use this Excel sheet, we recommend you look at it to clarify the data we are requesting.

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### **Background information**

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.

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.

Please see attached spreadsheet and note that the Trust is unable to provide the maximum waiting time. This is because obtaining the requested information will require exhaustive and manual measures that exceeds the appropriate threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore rely on the exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as we cannot fulfil this part of your request.