

FOI 419 Response

Request

Between 2019-2020 how many children needed tier 3 and 4 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Of those please breakdown in table form:

INITIAL ASSESSMENT:

1. How many were assessed within four weeks of referral.
2. How many waited more than 18 weeks from initial referral.
3. How many waited over a year from initial referral.

TREATMENT:

1. How many began treatment within four weeks of initial referral.
2. How many waited more than 18 weeks to commence treatment.
3. How many waited more than one year to commence treatment.

Response

Please see table below and note the following:

- 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.
- Solar was set up as a service not about thresholds or tiers but about timely access to appropriate support in line with children and young people's needs. Solar aims to create a comprehensive system, designed around the needs of children and young people, which keeps children and young people healthy as well as treating those that are ill and prioritises resilience, partnership and co-production.
- The FOI below has been answered based on SOLAR spells and not via tiers as Future in Mind (2015) tells us:
 - We should integrate services through strong collaborative working across the statutory, independent, and voluntary and community sectors.
 - That young people should only have to tell their stories once.
 - Furthermore, services should be outcomes-focussed, simple and easy to access, based on best evidence, and built around the needs of children, young people and their families rather than defined in terms of organisational boundaries.

		INITIAL ASSESSMENT			TREATMENT		
		Assessments Within 4 Weeks	Assessments Over 18 Weeks	Assessment More Than a Year	Treatment Within 4 Weeks	Treatment Over 18 Weeks	Treatment More Than a Year
Referral Year	2019	514	14	0	86	306	21
	2020	801	10	0	250	128	1

