

FOI 149/2021 Response

Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust. Please may you provide me with:

1. The average wait (in days) for treatment to be completed, broken down by CAMHS service, from the day of the referral. From April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021.
2. The ten longest waits (in days) for treatment to be completed, broken down by CAMHS service, from the day of the referral. From April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021.

*Clarification sought from the Requester to confirm what they mean by 'Treatment completed'

Requester has confirmed that they would like data on the length of time from referral until a course of treatment is completed. Completion of treatment could be discharged from inpatient services, a full course of therapy, when a patient with common mental health problems moves to recovery, when a patient who has undergone treatment by CAMHS is then referred to an external service etc

Response

Please see the spreadsheet 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 area, 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.

- We do not keep data based upon completion of treatment, rather length of time open to a team / service. We also do not hold any inpatient beds within our organisation as these are managed centrally by NHSE. Therefore, not all patients are discharged at the point of individual treatment completion but rather when they no longer require a service from Solar (as we may keep them for a consolidation period for monitoring, deliver multiple treatments or interventions, etc).