

Reference Number: FOIAH2425/332
From: Press/Media
Date: 19 September 2024
Subject: Referrals, Treatments and Waiting Lists Relating to Mental Health Service

Q1 a) How many children (under18) have been referred to CYMPHS/CAMHS in the last five years. [Between April 6 - April 5]?
Can you provide the total number of children referred for each year; 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
b) For each year, can you provide the number of children referred broken down by primary cause (such as, anxiety, depression etc.)

A1 a) 2019/20 – 3,683 referrals received
2020/21 – 3,341 referrals received – this is a measure of referrals to CAMHS partnership in Liverpool and Sefton not just to the Trust
2021/22 – 5,440 referrals received – this is a measure of referrals to CAMHS partnership in Liverpool and Sefton not just to the Trust
2022/23 – 5,187 referrals received – this is a measure of referrals to CAMHS partnership in Liverpool and Sefton not just to the Trust
2023/24 – 5,130 referrals received – this is a measure of referrals to CAMHS partnership in Liverpool and Sefton not just to the Trust
b) Unable to provide breakdown of primary cause prior to 2023/24 due to changes in documentation and EPR.
For 2023/24, the most common referral reason was anxiety (1854 referrals)

Q2 a) For children referred this year alone (Between April 6 - April 5 2023/24), how many received treatment?
b) Between April 6 - April 5 2023/24, how many referrals to CAMHS were either deemed inappropriate or rejected?
c) Between April 6 - April 5 2023/24, what was the average and maximum waiting times for CAMHS treatments from referral to first appointment?
d) Between April 6 - April 5 2023/24, how many CAMHS patients were sectioned?

A2 a) 1,221 children and young people received treatment from the Trust. This is measured as either attending two appointments or attending a partnership appointment
b) 1,108 referrals were rejected or inappropriate (the remaining referrals were redirected to one of the other CAMHS providers within the Partnership)
c) Average wait to first appointment was 9.7 weeks, maximum wait to first appointment 53.7 weeks.
d) There were ten detentions under the mental health act in 2023/24:
4 x Tier 4
2 x Acute Paediatric Wards
4 x Section 136

Q3 As of September 2024, how many children and adolescents are on the waiting list for CAMHS?

A3 As of 1st September 2024, 361 children and young people were on the waiting list for a first assessment.