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Thank you for your request concerning our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Part 1

1. Details of the age at which children and young people are transferred to Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS) from CAMHS at your Trust.

CAMHS take referrals for people up to 18 years. However, we will see people up to 19 years for ongoing work and to aid transition into adult services for those who need it. We liaise closely with adult services to facilitate transitions between services. We believe not having a strict cut off point provides better clinical outcomes.

2. The number of children and young people who were transferred to Adult Mental Health Services from CAMHS in every year since 2012 and the length of time it took to transfer them.

Please note that we can only provide data for the last 4 years. This is because we changed our Electronic Patient Recording (EPR) system in 2013 and we are unable to reliably report on transfers received before this date as differences in the systems would not give a true reflection.

The numbers provided are the number of children and young people transferred to our AMHS.

Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Transfers	191	177	213	234

We are unable to identify the length of transfers as this will vary on a case by case basis.

3. The number of children and young people who were discharged without being transferred to Adult Mental Health (AMH) Services in every year since 2012 and the reason for this discharge.

Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017
Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges			
No reason recorded	937	706	624	565
Assessment completed	106	276	234	366
Discharged by triage - no further action	113	49	42	45
Finished against prof. advice	171	112	86	96
Finished by patient non-attend	539	392	331	360
Finished on professional advice	1514	1169	1043	1038
Not appropriate	120	184	179	280
Not eligible	27	15	83	72
Patient moved out of area	61	39	52	58
Transfer to high-secure unit			1	
Transfer to other health provider	134	165	176	280
Referred on	1			
By doctor	1			
Clinician	4			
Other	1			
TOTAL	3729	3107	2851	3160

Please also provide:

Part 2

1. The numbers of 16, 17, 18, 19 year olds who started treatment with adult mental health services in every year since 2012.

The current data warehouse reporting tables only provide a 'Spell of Care' Treatment Start date.

Note: A Spell of Care is a continuous period of care; from first date of treatment to discharge of service.

For CAMHS to AMH transition within a Spell, the Treatment Start date with the AMH Team is not derived.

The numbers provided are a count of AMH Spells where the client is aged between 16 and 19 on the Spell Treatment Start date and the Spell Treatment Start date is within the period of interest.

Age on Start of Treatment	2014	2015	2016	2017
16	0	1	2	4
17	18	15	19	21
18	163	175	186	175
19	129	148	125	123

2. The number of 16 – 19 year olds who received adult mental health service assessments in every year since 2012.

The numbers provided are a count of all the clients aged 16 to 19 who have had a face to face assessment contact with an adult mental health team.

Age on Receiving Assessment	2014	2015	2016	2017
16	1	0	5	9
17	49	41	62	47
18	264	321	375	389
19	233	264	285	301

3. The numbers of 16, 17, 18, 19 year olds who started treatment with adult mental health services and the number of 16 – 19 year olds who received adult mental health service assessments who had previously been in touch with CAMHS in every year since 2012.

We are unable to provide this information because our current data warehouse reporting tables do not fully capture this information in a reportable electronic format. The current data warehouse reporting tables only provide a Spell of Care Treatment Start date.

For CAMHS to AMH transition within a Spell, the Treatment Start date with the AMH Team is not derived.

To supply the information requested would involve manually reviewing every referral and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

For example as detailed under Part 2 question 1 there were 1304 AMH referrals between 2014 and 2017; this would mean looking at each record to see if they had previously had a spell with CAMHS. It is estimated that it would take approximately 2 minutes to manually review each individual record to extract the information, i.e. 43 hours @ £25ph = £1,086.

4. The number of 16, 17, 18, 19 year olds who started treatment with adult mental health services and the number of 16 – 19 year olds who received adult mental health service assessments who had been directly transferred to AMHS from CAMHS in every year since 2012 (2014).

As explained under question 3, our current data warehouse does not capture this information in the format you are requesting i.e. service users who have transferred to AMHS from CAMHS since 2014. As detailed under Part 2 question 2 there were 2646 transfers to AMHS from CAMHS between 2014 and 2017. Again, we estimate that it would take approximately 2 minutes to manually review each individual record to extract the information, i.e. 88 hours @ £25ph = £2,205.

Should you require further clarification or would like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

