

Dear Sir/Madam,

I apply under the terms of the Freedom of Information legislation for the following information about accessibility and waiting times for CAMHS services for children and young people aged 10 to 17 (inclusive) **within the period between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017** (*if data during this period is unavailable, please provide us with your most recent data*).

With this Freedom of Information request, we aim to establish a national picture of the availability and accessibility of CAMHS for particular groups of children and young people, including the length of waiting times.

We would be grateful if you could respond and share the information requested. This FOI request is being sent to all Mental Health Trusts in England. Once we have compiled responses we will be happy to provide you with a report tailored for your Mental Health Trust, setting your response within the wider regional context. We will also provide you with recommendations and share examples of good practice.

If you have any questions about this FOI request, please contact Charlotte Rainer on Charlotte.Rainer@childrenssociety.org.uk, or on 020 7841 4660.

1. Please tell us the Local Authorities and/or Clinical Commissioning Groups who commission you to deliver CAMHS services.

We have 2 Commissioning Groups:
 East & North Herts
 Herts Valley's

2. Referrals received and accepted

In the period between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017, and in relation to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS in your area, please can you provide the following information on the number of young people a) referred, b) referred and assessed, c) assessed and given treatment?

If possible, please input your information into the table below or alternatively provide this as recorded in your area.

If you cannot provide a breakdown by age, please provide total numbers for young people aged 10-17 (inclusive).

Ages	10-15 year olds (inclusive)	16-17 year olds (inclusive)	Total number of 10-17 (inclusive)
a) Total number of young people who were referred for support to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS services.	2110	1079	3189
b) Total number of young people who were referred and assessed by Tier 3/specialist CAHMS services.	1960	983	2943
c) Total number of young people who were assessed and given treatment for support to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS services.	1781	898	2679

3. Equality and Diversity

In the period between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017, and in relation to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS in your area, please can you provide a breakdown of young people with the following characteristics who have been a) referred, b) referred and assessed, c) assessed and given treatment?

*If number is less than 5, please record as * and please only record 0 if number is actually 0. If you do not collect this information, please mark as X.*

Total number of young people who identify as:	Referred	Referred and assessed	Assessed and given treatment
Male	1678	1482	1327
Female	2075	1942	1769
Trans or gender non-conforming	x	x	x
LGBTQI	10	10	9
BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic)*	131	119	109
Those with SEN a) SEN exc. Those with an EHC plan b) EHC plan	a) x b) x	a) x b) x	a) x b) x
Those with a long-term physical health condition	*	*	*
Those with a disability	23	21	21

* If you can provide a more detailed breakdown of specific ethnic groups, please do.

4. Waiting times

For those referred in the period 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017, and in relation to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS in your area, please could you provide the following information on:

- **Average waiting time from referral to an initial assessment**
- **Average waiting time from referral to first treatment**

by a Tier 3/specialist CAMHS for young people aged 10-17 (inclusive) for children and young people referred in the financial quarters specified below.

If you cannot provide an average waiting time for this age group, please provide the waiting time across all the child population.

Financial Period	Q.4 (1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017)	Q.1 (1 April 2017 – 31 June 2017)	Q.2 (1 July 2017 – 31 September 2017)	Q.3 (1 October 2017 – 31 December 2017)	Average waiting for the period between Q.4 – Q.3 2017
Waiting Time in Days					
a) Average waiting time from referral to initial assessment	37	44	25	14	32
b) Average waiting time from initial assessment to first treatment	2	2	1	5	3
c) Average waiting time from referral to first treatment	33	45	29	20	32

5. **On the last day of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 (31 March 2015, 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2017 or any other date which marks the end of the financial year in your area), how many children and young people aged 10-17 (inclusive) were a) on your waiting list for an initial assessment for CAMHS Tier 3/specialist services b) were receiving services from your CAMHS Tier 3/specialist services?**

Last day of financial year	31st March 2015	31st March 2016	31st March 2017
a) Number of children & young people 10-17(inclusive) on waiting list	x	x	x
B) Number of children & young people 10-17 (inclusive) receiving treatment or on your activity log	x	x	x

We are not able to provide this data as our data warehouse does not hold snapshot data at a point in time.

6. Experiences of multiple disadvantages

In the period between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017, and in relation to Tier 3/specialist CAMHS in your area, please can you provide a breakdown of vulnerable children and young people who have been a) referred, b) referred and assessed, c) assessed and given treatment?

All categories refer to 10 – 17 year olds (inclusive), unless stated otherwise.

Categories marked (i) have additional information, which can be found on the following page.

Vulnerable groups of children and young people:	Referred	Referred and assessed	Assessed and given treatment
Looked After Children	184	171	166
Looked After Children in out-of-authority placements	15	15	11
Children in need	58	57	56
Children and young people on a child protection plan	112	106	102
Care Leavers (aged 18-25)	*	*	*
Unaccompanied asylum seeking/refugee young person (i)	x	x	x
Children and young people who require an interpreter	*	*	*
Young carers	11	*	0
Child victims of domestic violence	x	x	x
Child victims of child sexual exploitation	0	0	0
Young people with substance misuse problems	x	x	x
Young offenders	x	x	x

Children on Free School Meals	x	x	x
Children and young people with a ADHD diagnosis	338	246	215
Children and young people with Autistic Spectrum conditions	66	64	63
Children whose parents have a mental health condition	x	x	x

Additional information

7. Unaccompanied asylum seeking/refugee young people who are in the care of the Local Authority.

We do not record this information.