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Thank you for your request concerning Children and Young People and Adults presenting to our Community MHS.

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

I am writing to request the following information from your NHS trust:

- 1. The number of children and young people presenting to community-based mental health services receiving help within four weeks from request for service (referral)**
- 2. The total number of children and young people referred to community-based mental health services**
- 3. The number of adults presenting to community-based mental health services receiving help within four weeks from request for service (referral)**
- 4. The total number of adults referred to community-based mental health services**

Please provide the information for the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, and break the data down by month.

For children and young people, please see the following definition of "receiving help" using official NHS terminology: "This may involve immediate advice, support or a brief intervention, help to access another more appropriate service, the start of a longer-term intervention or agreement about a patient care plan, or the start of a specialist assessment that may take longer."

The above also applies to adults, but with the following addition: "This may involve the start of a therapeutic or social intervention, or agreement about a patient care plan."

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Should you require further clarification, 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

**Sue Smith
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](#).

