



## Freedom of Information Request – CCG CAMHS Referrals

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to request information held on the number of referrals to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in the CCG each year from 2010 to 2015; the source of referrals to CAMHS in the CCG for the period 2010 to 2015; the age of patients referred to CAMHS between 2010 and 2015; the average waiting time between referral and a young person accessing CAMHS each year from 2010 to 2015.

- a) Please provide CCG data for each year between 2010-2015 on:
- I. The number of referrals to CAMHS; (T2&3 Only)

Year	Number of CAMHS Referrals
2010	LCCG did not exist
2011	LCCG did not exist
2012	LCCG did not exist
2013	Data in Financial Year only
2014/15	4,153
2015/16	4,511

- II. The number of referrals to CAMHS by tier of service<sup>1</sup> referred to;

Year	Number of CAMHS Referrals to:			
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
2010	LCCG did not exist			
2011	LCCG did not exist			
2012	LCCG did not exist			
2013	Data in Financial Year only			NHS England Commissioned Service
2014/15	Not Applicable	1,929	2,224	
2015/16	Not Applicable	2,110	2,401	

- III. The recorded reasons for these referrals;

Local datasets detail presenting clinical problem and complexity. Referral reasons are recorded as treatments, LCCG does not collect detail in relation to categories below. Although there would be some variance on assessment only and those who go on to have further treatment, they wouldn't be referred as such.

Referral Reason	Number of Referrals in:					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014/15	2015/16
Assessment	LCCG did not exist			Data in Financial Year only	Data not collected in these categories.	
Court Diversion						
Court Report						
Mental Health Act Assessment						
Not recorded						
Second Opinion (MH)						
Treatment						

<sup>1</sup> As recognised under the Integrated Care Pathways  
([http://www.icptoolkit.org/child\\_and\\_adolescent\\_pathways/about\\_icps/camh\\_services/tiers.aspx](http://www.icptoolkit.org/child_and_adolescent_pathways/about_icps/camh_services/tiers.aspx))

IV. The recorded sources of these referrals;

**Note this data is provided as % rather than numbers, it is from a different source to the number of referrals and there are known data quality and completeness issues within the dataset. 15/16 has much greater completeness so the two are not reliably comparable to each other; however in the absence of any snapshot data to answer this question with we have provided indicative percentage splits. The data was not recorded in these groups so it has been mapped to them as best as possible. Note it being a different source with completeness issues to true splits could have been slightly different so should be used with caution.**

Source of Referral	Number of Referrals in:					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014/15	2015/16
Community Health Services (excluding GP)	LCCG did not exist			Data in Financial Year only	0.16%	4.97%
Family/Friend/Neighbour					5.57%	3.59%
GP					31.97%	27.94%
Hospital (including A&E, clinics, consultants and wards)					2.62%	5.74%
Local Authority Services (including social services)					6.72%	6.11%
Mental Health Services					4.26%	6.88%
Police					0.00%	0.03%
School (including school nurse)					18.03%	18.33%
Self-referral					12.30%	18.48%
Voluntary sector organisations					5.25%	3.07%
Other, please specify. Includes items marked as 'other' by trust, child health, out of area placements, asylum services, single point of access and learning disability. These items cannot be mapped into any of the above.					13.11%	4.85%

V. The ages of the child/adolescent of the young people referred.

**Please note this is from a different local dataset that currently has data quality issues being addressed, therefore the numbers reported are not felt to be accurate or match the source used for referral numbers detailed above, therefore as a proxy percentage splits have been provided for the age groups here to give an indicative answer to this question. Also note as the ages are given in years, the groups have been edited so as not to repeat the ages twice. Note it being a different source with completeness issues to true splits could have been slightly different so should be used with caution.**

Age:	Number of Referrals in:					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014/15	2015/16
0-5	PCT days, LCCG didn't exist			Data in Financial Year only	5.2%	4.1%
6-7					10.6%	7.2%
8-11					22.1%	17.1%
12-18					57.4%	62.9%
19+					4.6%	8.7%

b) The average waiting time in days between a referral to CAMHS being made and an initial CAMHS assessment for each year from 2010-15.

Year:	Avg. Weeks:	Avg. Days:
2010	<b>LCCG did not exist</b>	
2011		
2012		
2013	<b>Data in Financial Year only</b>	
2014/15	<b>No data held</b>	
2015/16	<b>41.6 days</b>	

Year	Avg. Days wait for access to:			
	Tier 1 Services	Tier 2 Services	Tier 3 Services	Tier 4 Services
2010	<b>LCCG did not exist</b>			
2011				
2012				
2013	<b>Data in Financial Year only</b>			<b>NHS England Commissioned Service</b>
2014/15	<b>No data held</b>			
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>64.5</b>	

If you have any queries relating to this request or need clarification on any issue, I would be grateful if you could contact me at [edfellows@newschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:edfellows@newschoolsnetwork.org).

If there is any refusal to part or all of my request, please could you provide me with a recommendation of how the request may be modified so as to be granted under Section 16 of the Act. In particular, where you judge that this request exceeds cost limit, I would like you to provide me with advice on how I may modify the request so as to enable it to be granted.

Could you please confirm receipt of this request by email to [edfellows@newschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:edfellows@newschoolsnetwork.org) as soon as received. If it is not possible to supply the information requested electronically, please let me know and I will supply you with a postal address.

Many thanks,

Edward Fellows