

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_191_17

You asked:

I request the following information from the Cwm Taf University Health Board regarding mental health referrals for children and adolescents:

- 1) How many children and adolescents* had mental health referrals to specialist CAMHS** rejected in the period from June 2014-June 2015?
- 2) How many children and adolescents* had mental health referrals to specialist CAMHS** rejected in the period from June 2015-June 2016?
- 3) How many children and adolescents* had mental health referrals to specialist CAMHS** rejected in the period from June 2016-June 2017?

* Any individual under the age of 18

**CAMHS refers to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Our response:

We have reported the data June to May so that there is only 12 months data reported. If we report June to June it will mean there are 13 months and it will involve double counting of one month (June) per year's data.

As a CAMHS Network we provide services for Cardiff & Vale UHB, Cwm Taf UHB and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board UHB, so the numbers reported are a total for the service not individual Health Boards.

Please note - All referrals are looked at and discussed on an individual case basis in a referral management team meeting daily. They are assessed on clinical priority including risk against recognised referral criteria. The team consists of a range of multi professionals. i.e. Consultant, Primary Mental Health Specialist, Specialist CAMHS Therapists (Psychology, Family Therapist etc) and Senior Nurse. Where referrals are rejected, they are signposted back to the referrer or to an appropriate agency such as Families First etc. Any support provided would depend on the reason for referral and determined on a case by case basis. In relation to the criteria used, the UHB follows 'draft' guidance provided by Welsh Government.

1. How many Children and Adolescents had Mental Health referrals to Specialist CAMHS rejected in the period from June 2014 – June 2015.

There were **1452** referrals not accepted by the Specialist CAMH Service in the period June 14 – May 15.

2. How many Children and Adolescents had Mental Health Referrals to Specialist CAMHS rejected in the period June 2015 – June 2016

There were **1873** referrals not accepted by the Specialist CAMH Service in the period June 15 –May 2016.

3. How many Children and Adolescents had Mental Health Referrals to Specialist CAMHS rejected in the period 2016 – June 2017

There were **2647** referrals not accepted by the Specialist CAMH Service in the period June 16 – May 17.