

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_425_23

You asked:

I am writing to request the following data under the Freedom of Information Act.

If all the below questions cannot be answered within the appropriate time limit, please answer them in order until the limit is reached.

1. How many assessments for Children and Young People's Continuing Care were completed in each of the following financial years?

- i) 2018/19**
- ii) 2019/20**
- iii) 2020/21**
- iv) 2021/22**
- v) 2022/23**
- vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023**

Children's Continuing Care is an outcome of a continuum assessment, completed in a variety of settings both in and outside CTMUHB. For CTM residents therefore, we do not keep records of all Continuing Care (CC) assessments completed; only those that resulted in a request for care that is not available through core service.

2. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

- i) 2018/19**
- ii) 2019/20**
- iii) 2020/21**
- iv) 2021/22**
- v) 2022/23**
- vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023**

Please see response to question 1. However, we can outline how many have resulted in a bespoke care package. A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 = 10

A yearly breakdown has not been provided due to the low numbers involved. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

3. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as not eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

- i) 2018/19**
- ii) 2019/20**
- iii) 2020/21**
- iv) 2021/22**
- v) 2022/23**
- vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023**

The Health Board system only records those who are in receipt of a bespoke care package. Therefore, we are unable to provide.

4. What was the total number of individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?

Please understand this as a total of all individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care, even if they later became no longer eligible within that same financial year. The figure should also include those that were already eligible at the beginning of the financial year, in addition to any that became newly eligible within the financial year.

- i) 2018/19 = 13**
- ii) 2019/20 = 13**
- iii) 2020/21 = 9**
- iv) 2021/22 = 9**
- v) 2022/23 = 7**

5. What was the total budget spent on individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?

- i) 2018/19 = £536,230**
- ii) 2019/20 = £1,072,44**
- iii) 2020/21 = £1,336,431**
- iv) 2021/22 = £1,009,10**
- v) 2022/23 = £1,047,996**

Please note, the above figures are estimated costs of continuing care packages, these will not take into account agency costs where packages required cover during periods of staff sickness.

6. How many local resolution requests to review an eligibility decision were completed in the following financial years?

- i) 2018/19 = 0**
- ii) 2019/20 = *Less than 5**
- iii) 2020/21 = 0**

iv) 2021/22 = 0

v) 2022/23 = 0

vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 = *Less than 5

* Where the figures are less than 5, the exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

7. How many of those in question 6 resulted in eligibility? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

i) 2018/19 = 0

ii) 2019/20 = *Less than 5

iii) 2020/21 = 0

iv) 2021/22 = 0

v) 2022/23 = 0

vi) A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 = *Less than 5.

* Where the figures are less than 5, the exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

8. In the following financial years, for those assessed as newly eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care, what was the average time taken between an individual's assessment* for Children and Young People's Continuing Care and the commissioning of the package of care?

i) 2018/19

ii) 2019/20

iii) 2020/21

iv) 2021/22

v) 2022/23

*** Please understand this to refer to the assessment in 'Step 2' of the CYP CC process as outlined on page 13 of the Children and Young People's Continuing Care Guidance. Please do not take this to mean any pre-assessment.**

The Health Board would not have this figure; the recommendation from the package being awarded to implementation is less than 12 weeks.

Please note the information provided above has been completed with the data that the health board collects/holds.