

# BRIEFING NOTE

**TO: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**RE: CAMHS**

## Purpose

To provide a response to questions raised at the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## Report

### **1. Can we identify how many children that we have prevented from attending A & E by coming into CAMHS.**

During the period of January 2021 to January 2022 the Walsall Crisis Team have seen 203 young people for priority first assessments, which gives an indication of the number of young people who have been potentially diverted from A&E at the Manor Hospital. This would be approximately 30% of the total number of young people assessed by the Walsall Crisis Team.

### **2. First appointment - have we breached the 18 weeks**

During the period of January 2021 to January 2022 we have provided exactly 1000 first assessments to young people. The average wait for a first assessment was 12 weeks therefore we can confirm we have remained within the time period for first assessments.

### **3. How many children are waiting for a second appointment and how long is the longest wait.**

We currently have 448 young people waiting for treatment with the longest wait being 22 months. The number of young people awaiting treatment has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic. We are working hard to try to address the waits as well as conducting extensive caseload reviews in an attempt to allocate cases as quickly as possible.

### **4. 24/7 helpline and its use/take up.**

Unfortunately I am unable to provide a response for this question currently. The data from the telephone helpline is held on an app which we will have to try to source separately from a different system.

### **5. The trust retention for staff – what percentage this is at.**

The turnover rate is currently at 15.30% The staff vacancy rate across the CYP & Families division currently sits at 10.07%. Post pandemic recruitment has become increasingly difficult with less people applying for new posts.

**6. The names of all schools that the Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (Reflexions) are involved in (in the four areas please)**

<b>Walsall</b>	<b>Dudley</b>	<b>Sandwell</b>	<b>Wolverhampton</b>
Chuckery Primary School	Hawbush Primary	The Phoenix Collegiate	Castlecroft Primary School
Bluecoat Federation inc Bluecoat Infants Bluecoat Juniors	Wrens Nest Primary	Bristnall Hall Academy	Uplands Primary School
Delves Federation inc Delves Infants Delves Juniors	Jessons Primary	Harvills Hawthorn Primary School	The King's CE School
Shortheath Federation inc Lane Head Nursery Rosedale infants Shortheath Juniors	St Mary's RC Primary	Old Park Primary School	Woodthorne Primary School
The Ladder School	Queen Victoria Primary	Brickhouse Primary School	Smestow School
Shelfield Ormiston Academy	Ellowes Hall	Ormiston Forge Academy	St Anthony's Catholic Primary Academy
Grace Academy	St James Academy	Timbertree Academy	St Michael's Primary School
Phoenix Academy	Link Academy	Ferndale Primary School	St Judes CofE Primary School
Ryders Hayes Primary School	Pegasus Academy	Springfield Primary School	St Edmund's Catholic Academy
Lower Farm Primary School	Beacon Hill Academy	Westminster School	Oak Meadow Primary School
Fibbersley Park Primary School	Old Swinford Hospital School	Hargate Primary School	Ormiston New Academy
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	Cherry Tree Short Stay School	St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Wednesfield High Academy
Cooper & Jordan Primary School	Dudley College	Crocketts Community Primary School	Perry Hall Primary School
	Sycamore Short Stay School	Perryfields High School	Rakegate Primary School
	Netherton CoFE School	Virtual School	Elston Hall Primary School
	Thorns Primary	Langley Primary School	Christ Church CofE Junior School
	Bromley Pensnett	George Salter Academy	
	Priory Primary School	Albright Education Centre	
	Dingle Community Primary School	Lodge Primary School	
	St Marks CofE Primary School	Galton Valley Primary School	

	Brockmoor Primary School	Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust / Tameside Primary Academy	
	Rufford Primary School	The Holy Trinity	
	Wallbrook Primary School	Tameside Primary School	
	Dormston School	St James CE Primary School	
	Windsor High School	Wodensborough Ormiston Academy	
	Bishop Milner Catholic College	Lightwoods	
	The Kingswinford School & Science College	Perryfields Primary School	
	The Sutton School & Specialist College	Summerhill Primary School	
		Jubilee Park Academy	
		Joseph Turner Primary School	
		Health Futures UTC	
		Q3 Academy Great Barr	
		Glebefields Primary School	
		Tivdale Hall Primary	
		Hall Green Primary School	

We are also finalising the list of schools we will be working in collaboration with for wave 6 of the Mental Health in Schools model, in Walsall we are aiming to work with a further six secondary schools/academies as well as more primary schools across the region. Names of schools can be provided once they are agreed.

## 7. Bench marking Information

Due to the pandemic there has been no CAMHS benchmarking completed and therefore I am unable to provide any information.

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