

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 11th April 2011

CAMHS Waiting Times Update

	Warwickshire (Numbers waiting & average waiting time)				Coventry
	L' Spa	Stratford	Nuneaton / Rugby	Warks Total	Coventry Total
Initial assessment	0	0	0	0	101
Complex behaviours & wellbeing conditions	13	6	79	98	12
Emotional distress & wellbeing conditions	15	16	70	101	14
Neurodevelopmental conditions	24	67	121	212	185
Self harm	0	0	9	9	0
Psychiatric assessments	0	0	6	6	0
Medicine Review	0	0	1	1	0
Learning Disability	0	0	4	4	0
Pathway to be confirmed	0	0	5	5	49
Total	52	89	295	436	361

Updated analysis

- a) The further work that has been undertaken by CAMHS to work through the waiting list has identified that the number of children and young people waiting for treatment is 436 rather than the 473 initially quoted. This is because a number of the children & young people initially identified as waiting had actually been discharged / had their course of treatment completed.
- b) No children and young people have been identified as waiting for an initial assessment;
- c) Of the Warwickshire waiters, approximately two-thirds (68%) are in the Nuneaton / Rugby area. 12% are in Leamington Spa and 20% are in Stratford.
- d) Nearly half of all waiters (48.6%) are on the neurodevelopmental condition pathway. These disorders include attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autistic spectrum disorders (ASD). Children presenting with an ASD have difficulties with (1) social understanding and developing relationships, (2) social communication and language, and (3) social imagination (i.e. difficulties with flexibility of thought and behaviour). It is generally accepted that ASD is a lifelong condition and that education is the most effective intervention. ASD does not in itself constitute a mental health condition, albeit that between 40-70% of children with autism present with problematic emotional and behavioural reactions.
- e) 23.2% of waiters are on the pathway for Emotional Distress & Wellbeing conditions; 22.5% are on the pathway for Complex Behaviours & Wellbeing conditions.

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