

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.4760.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Emotional Wellbeing Services & Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
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**Requested:**

1. Please provide the figures for the number of children and young people who were referred to CAMHS but who didn't reach the threshold for requiring access to CAMHS, for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children		

2. Please provide the figures for the number of children and young people who waited up to 28 days before accessing CAMHS from the point of referral, and the number of children and young people who waited over 28 days before accessing CAMHS from the point of referral, from January 2020 to present.

	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20
Number of children who waited up to 28 days												
Number of children who waited over 28 days												

3. Please provide information on the number of sub-threshold emotional wellbeing services for children and young people that currently exist in your local health board area, as well as who commissions these services.
  - a. How many sub-threshold emotional health and well-being services do you have in your local area?
  - b. Who commissions this services?
  - c. How many young people are these services commissioned to support? [please provide a breakdown of each service]
4. Please provide the figures for the number of children and young people who accessed sub-threshold emotional wellbeing services in your local health board area for the years 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children		

5. Please provide figures for the number of children and young people with mild to moderate needs seen by the Local Primary Mental Health Support Service in your health board area, for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children		

6. Please provide figures for the number of children signposted or referred to low-level services as a result of seeing the Local Primary Mental Health Support Service in your health board area, for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children		

Note: We define 'sub-threshold services' as services that children and young people can access if they present with an issue that does not require clinical support, such as that provided by CAMHS.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of children and young people that were referred to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), but did not reach the threshold for requiring access to CAMHS, for the financial years requested.

	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children	802	636

2. The UHB's Mental Health and Learning Disabilities teams' are partaking in a National migration to a new patient administration system therefore, the data for the Primary Mental Health Team (PMHT) is unavailable from August 2020.

The UHB provides within the table below, the number of children and young people who waited up to 28 days and the number that waited over 28 days before accessing CAMHS for the period January to November 2020 and PMHS for the period January to July 2020.

	Waited up to 28 days		Waited over 28 days	
	CAMHS	PMHT	CAMHS	PMHT
January	66	34	13	18
February	85	37	9	8
March	62	24	12	*
April	31	30	*	7
May	44	53	*	*
June	61	24	*	0
July	65	33	*	*
August	57	Data unavailable	*	Data unavailable
September	71		0	
October	74		7	
November	87		20	
Total	703	235	61	33

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

3a. The UHB confirms that it has two (2) sub-threshold services. The Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service (EHWS) and the GP Cluster Youth Project, in the Pembrokeshire locality.

3b. The UHB confirms that the EHWS is commissioned by Pembrokeshire Local Authority (LA) and the GP Cluster Youth Project is commissioned by one GP Cluster in the Pembrokeshire locality.

3c. The UHB does not hold this information.

4. The GP Cluster Youth Project commenced in October 2020; therefore, the UHB does not hold the information requested. However, the UHB can provide, within the table below, the number of children and young people that accessed the EHWS, for the financial years requested.

	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Number of children	126	157

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of children and young people with mild to moderate needs as assessed by the Local PMHT, for the financial years requested.

	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Number of children	501	476

6. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of children referred from the PMHT to low-level services, for the financial years requested.

	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Number of children	802	636

The UHB confirms that referrals not accepted to CAMHS are signposted, in the first instance, to the most appropriate service. With the most common services including school nurses, school counselling, Paediatrics and Social Services.