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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 123-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about under 18s on adult wards. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. On how many occasions has a child (under the age of 18) been treated on an adult ward during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please detail how long the child remained on the adult ward, what treatment they received and why they were treated on an adult ward (e.g. staffing shortages).

Please note there are no Tier 4 CAMHS beds in Gloucestershire. If mental health admission is indicated then an out of county bed has to be sourced which can take time. During the time taken to source an out of area bed it may be necessary to admit the young person to our Adult inpatient services in the interests of theirs or others safety. These decisions are made on a case by case basis and involve conscious decision making and agreement based on risk management considering the young person to be admitted and the environment they will be admitted to i.e. patient needs/mix in the Adult inpatient service at that do not escalate risks either way. As a Trust we work hard to discharge children and young people from adult wards at the earliest convenience to an age appropriate out of area bed. For some young people 17.5+ however, we may decide based on risk assessment and clinical need, that it is in the young person's best interest to remain close to home rather than to send them out of county where they would be some distance from their families and social circles. Again these decisions are made on a case by case basis and there is not a blanket policy.

Whenever a young person under 18 is admitted to our Adult Services inpatient unit, CAMH's colleagues will attend the ward and work with the ward team to assess need and develop a tailored treatment plan for their brief stay.

Table 1: No. of Under 18 Admissions over the period requested

Calendar Year	No. U18's on Adult Ward
2010	5
2011	1
2012	2
2013	13
2014	11
2015	16
2016	17
2017	13
2018	5

Note:

1. Figures pre 2011/2012 did not include Herefordshire
2. Figures pre 2011/12 have a significant degree of error as our electronic records system was not fully commissioned then.

Table 2: Lengths of stay for patients admitted

Calendar Year	Patient	Length of Stay as Child (exc Leave)	Length of Stay as Adult (exc Leave)
2010	2010a	0	
	2010b	0	
	2010c	7	
	2010d	31	26
	2010e	36	
2011	2011a	1	
2012	2012a	4	
	2012b	51	61
2013	2013a	2	
	2013b	25	
	2013c	13	
	2013d	3	
	2013e	1	
	2013f	13	
	2013g	9	
	2013h	5	
	2013i	18	49
	2013j	0	
	2013k	8	
	2013l	6	
	2013m	40	22
2014	2014a	11	

	2014b	92	59
	2014c	1	
	2014d	2	
	2014e	1	
	2014f	18	
	2014g	2	
	2014h	1	
	2014i	1	
	2014j	3	
	2014k	3	
2015	2015a	24	
	2015b	3	
	2015c	0	
	2015d	0	
	2015e	2	
	2015f	2	
	2015g	3	
	2015h	1	
	2015i	3	
	2015j	1	
	2015k	1	
	2015l	9	
	2015m	0	
	2015n	2	
	2015o	64	32
	2015p	3	
2016	2016a	1	
	2016b	1	
	2016c	9	
	2016d	3	
	2016e	3	
	2016f	3	
	2016g	5	
	2016h	2	
	2016i	1	
	2016j	2	
	2016k	4	
	2016l	5	
	2016m	21	
	2016n	3	
	2016o	3	
	2016p	1	
	2016q	20	14
2017	2017a	0	
	2017b	1	
	2017c	5	

	2017d	2	
	2017e	1	
	2017f	1	
	2017g	9	
	2017h	3	
	2017i	2	
	2017j	1	
	2017k	8	
	2017l	20	
	2017m	11	193
2018	2018a	3	
	2018b	10	
	2018c	20	
	2018d	1	
	2018e	11	

2. On how many occasions has an adult been treated on a children's ward during each calendar year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please detail how long the adult remained on the children's ward, what treatment they received and why they were treated on a children's ward (e.g. staffing shortages).

0; the Trust does not have any Under 18s inpatients wards.

Yours sincerely,

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