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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI197-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. Please find the Trust's response below.

- (1) I've been informed that all of the school counsellors in the Gloucestershire area have been cut - can you confirm or deny if this is indeed the situation? How many school counsellors (FTE) remain employed in Gloucestershire's secondary schools, and whether any change to current numbers is anticipated (and if so, what change & by when?).

The Trust does not hold this information.

- (2) I am told that in some schools in Gloucestershire, students themselves, concerned about the lack of support for their friends, have initiated various forms of what might be termed peer support, via class reps, head boys & girls, etc. Is the Trust monitoring this situation and does the Trust think this level of responsibility is appropriate one for young people to take on?

The Trust does not hold this information, please contact Gloucestershire CCG

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- (3) I've also been informed that the current waiting time for CAMHS is 13 months. Can you confirm or deny if this is the case, and advise me what the average waiting list is for CAMHS support, both overall and broken down by categories? I am not sure exactly of your categories but imagine they would include firstly by severity, and secondly by nature of support required (eg general assessment, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, CPN, CBT, online support) and by nature of problem (eg specialist support required for eating disorders, self harm, gender dysphoria)? I would like to know average waiting lists for all these CAMHS services. I am asking for information on average waiting times, overall and by categories, and also overall numbers of young people on waiting list and whether that has shifted by time.

Current Average Wait for assessment	22 Days
Current Average Wait for treatment	91 Days

Number of Patients Waiting Assessment/Treatment on 31st March each year

Number of Waiting list	31/03/2016	31/03/2017	31/03/2018
Waiting for Assessment	275	287	273
Waiting For Treatment	389	401	465

- (4) I note that central government has announced a £300m mental health fund for schools - can you clarify whether any of this money has yet been given to Gloucestershire, if so, how much, and how much the county expects to receive from it and by when?

Gloucestershire CCG have submitted a bid to be a Wave 1 Trailblazer for Mental Health in Schools and should hear the outcome shortly. For details of the bid please contact Gloucestershire CCG.

Yours sincerely,

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