

Children under the age of 5 referred to mental health services since 2001

Request

I need to find out the following information:

- how many children under the age of five, year on year since 2001 have been referred for mental health treatment under the care of your trust
- how many of those were aged 2 and under
- breakdown figures for their diagnoses (if they exist)
- breakdown figures for the kind of treatment they were offered (if they exist)
- how long they received treatment for

Our Response

Since 01/01/2001 the following five year olds and under have been referred to our Trust for mental health treatment:

2001 - 240

2002 - 291

2003 - 278

2004 - 242

2005 - 222

2006 - 202

2007 - 204

2008 - 197

2009 - 201

2010 - 205

2011 - 121 up to 31/08/2011

- How many of those were aged 2 and under

OUR RESPONSE: 302

- Breakdown figures for their diagnoses (if they exist)

OUR RESPONSE: We do not have data for historical diagnosis, only current. Please see below:

Patients aged 5 and under referred for mental health treatment since 2001 with CURRENT diagnosis							
age_at_referral	0	1	2	3	4	5	Grand Total
Diagnosis							
Behavioural and emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence		1	8	19	76	167	271
Behavioural syndromes associated with physiological disturbances and physical factors			1	3	6	9	19
Complications predominantly related to the puerperium						2	2
Disorders of psychological development		3	12	38	58	85	196
Episodic and paroxysmal disorders			1		3		4
Glomerular diseases					1		1
Injuries to the head			1	2	3	3	9
Mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use	1						1
Mental retardation	1	3	6	18	51	45	124
Mood [affective] disorders					1	6	7
Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders			2	5	8	18	33
No Current Diagnosis	91	43	121	260	432	657	1604
Organic, including symptomatic, mental disorders					2	1	3
Other diseases of intestines						1	1
Other obstetric conditions, not elsewhere classified					1		1
Persons encountering health services for examination and investigation			1	3	5	6	15
Persons encountering health services in other circumstances						1	1
Persons with potential health hazards related to family and personal history and certain conditions influencing health status			4	2	12	17	35
Persons with potential health hazards related to socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances		1		3	28	39	71
Schizophrenia, schizotypal and delusional disorders		1			3	1	5
Grand Total	93	52	157	353	690	1058	2403

- Breakdown figures for the kind of treatment they were offered (if they exist)

OUR RESPONSE: We do not hold this information centrally. To locate and retrieve the information from individual files would exceed the appropriate costs limit of £450 under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

- How long they received treatment for

OUR RESPONSE: We do not hold this information centrally, as the system does not record an end referral date. To locate and retrieve the information from individual files would exceed the appropriate costs limit of £450 under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.