

CAMHS Questions OSC

1. Can you describe the commissioning arrangements for CAMHS Services in Cheshire East?
2. What is the overall budget for CAMHS in CE 16/17 and how does this compare to 15/16?
3. What additional investment has there been in CAMHS since the Local Transformation Plans were announced in 2015?
4. What is the incidence of mental health difficulties amongst Young People in Cheshire East – do these vary from national incidence figures?
5. Has there been any change in the incidence of young people's mental health difficulties in Cheshire East over recent years?
6. What age range do CAMHS services work with- is there a lower and upper age range and when do young people transition to adult services?
7. Would there be any merit in looking at designing a 0-25 yrs service and what are the structural barriers to doing this now?
8. What is the average age range of CAMHS patients – are we able to intervene early enough or are we responding to acute mental health need?
9. What proportion of referrals to CAMHS do not go on to get a service – Is this because the referrals are inappropriate or because the resources don't exist to meet this demand?
10. Is the level of inappropriate referral a significant issue, what do you think causes this and what is being done to address this?
11. Is there a formal level of need, triage or assessment document that is used to determine which referrals get a service – is this static or does it change over time?
12. What happens to those cases where it is judged that the threshold for a service isn't met?
13. Is there any difference between the service commissioned by the two CCG's in Cheshire East – does this result in service being different for young people dependent on CCG investment?
14. What is the current waiting time to receive a service once a referral has been accepted, has this time changed over recent years?
15. There appears to be evidence of significant increases in self harming behaviour nationally – is this the experience in Cheshire East and if so how is this being addressed?
16. What services are available for young children identified as having a Conduct Disorder?
17. The "Future in Mind" report published in 2015 identified five key themes emerged which provide the structure of the report and which the Taskforce consider to be fundamental to creating a system that properly supports the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. 1. promoting resilience, prevention and early intervention 2. improving access to effective support – a system without tiers 3. care for the most vulnerable 4. accountability and transparency 5. developing the workforce
Clearly CAMHS is not solely responsible for addressing these alone but could you tell us what CWP CAMHS is doing in respect of these themes?
18. What proportion of young people in treatment disengage from services, do we have any insight into the reasons for this?
19. What is the current waiting time for a neurodevelopmental assessment?
20. What services are available for children and young people on the autistic spectrum and what is the waiting time to access those services?
21. What CAMHS services are available out of hours (7 days a week) to support young people discharged from tier 4 provision?

22. What is the average length of stay in tier 4 provision ?
23. Where is the tier 4 provision located that Cheshire East young people would access?