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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) referrals

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 9th July 2021.

You Asked for:

1. Please can you send me the most recent referral criteria the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has issued for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) referrals. By referral criteria I mean any guidance that states what minimum threshold a child has to reach in their mental ill health in order for them to be referred to CAMHS.
2. Please can you also send me any other communications the CCG has issued about CAMHS referrals or CAMHS services in the past two years (1 July 2019 - present day).

Our Response:

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not issue the referral criteria for the Wirral Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provided by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP), as each referral is individually clinically assessed to determine the level of intervention or other service required to meet the level of need. What CAMHS provide is articulated on the mymind.org website and states - *The 0-18 Wirral CAMHS team is a community based specialist service providing mental health assessments and evidence based psychological treatments for children and young people with moderate to severe mental health difficulties, which is where mental health difficulties are having a significant impact upon day to day functioning.*

A full breakdown of the conditions in this classification can be found on the website below:

<https://www.mymind.org.uk/services-and-contacts/wirral/wirral-camhs-0-18-service/>

2. Please see a list of communications that have been distributed below:

Public facing comms

- May 2021 - CAMHS update within the CCG's Annual Report - <https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/about-us/plans-publications-and-reports/>
- September 2020 - Supporting Children and Young People as they return to school – social posts (attached)

- February 2020 - CAMHS Mental Health Support Teams – Press release issued by Wirral Council (attached)
- November 2019 - Granada Reports media Coverage – Joint statement issued from NHS Wirral CCG and CWP (attached)

GP comms

- July 2020 – Covid Daily update - Wirral Looked After Children CAMHS provision - Wirral Borough Council briefing (attached)
- May 2020 - CAMHS COVID-19 advice link shared in Covid daily update - Please see this link for CAMHS advice for children on coping with coronavirus: <https://www.mymind.org.uk/coping/coping-with-covid-19-coronavirus/>
- January and June 2019 – Wirral Future in Mind newsletter shared on GP bulletin – CAMHS update (attached)

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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