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Subject: Waits for under-18s with mental ill health in A+E

REQUEST

1. How many patients under the age of 18 presented at A+E in your trust with mental ill health (psychiatric, psychological, and/or behavioural disturbances/changes) as the primary issue each calendar year between and including 2019 to 2025? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025.

Mental health conditions, suspected or diagnosed, will usually be categorised by two coding systems: 1. ICD11 classification (F-codes) 2. SNOMED CT - extensive codes relating to different presentations and diagnosis.

2. How many patients identified in question 1 waited more than 12 hours in A+E for transfer to a mental health ward or unit after a decision to admit? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025.
3. How many patients identified in question 1 waited more than 48 hours in A+E for transfer to a mental health ward or unit after a decision to admit? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025.
4. How many patients identified in question 1 waited more than 72 hours in A+E for transfer to a mental health ward or unit after a decision to admit? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025.

RESPONSE

We do not provide mental health services but our 2 local mental health providers are Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust and Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust.

<https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/>