

Freedom of Information Request Number: FOI 6034 - Specialist Mental Health Services for Children Aged 2 and Under

<b>1. Do you fund a specialist parent infant service?</b>				
<p>Please note that Specialist parent-infant services (also known as parent-infant relationship or infant mental health services) work with families with babies and toddlers, where parents or caregivers are experiencing the most severe, complex and/or persistent difficulties in their early relationships with their babies. They offer intensive, specialised work for families whose needs cannot be met by universal services alone. These services are typically multidisciplinary teams of highly skilled professionals with specialist expertise. They might include individual or group work, at home or in community settings. Specialist parent-infant services are different from specialist perinatal mental health services. Parent-infant services focus on the relationship between parent(s) and their babies, primarily to support parents to interact with their babies in a way that protects and promotes the emotional wellbeing and development of the baby. In contrast, perinatal mental health services are specifically for mothers with severe perinatal mental illness and focus on treating the mothers' mental health, although they should also support her relationship with her baby.</p>				
No				
<b>2. If the answer to question 1 was yes, please tell us the name of this service?</b>				
<b>3.</b>				
	<b>Birth – 12 months</b>	<b>1 year</b>	<b>2 years</b>	<b>All children 0-18</b>
<b>A. Does your camhs service accept referrals for children of this age? (yes/no)</b>	No	No	No	N/A
<b>B. How many referrals have been received for children of this age over a 12 month period?</b>	Information not held by the CCG	Information not held by the CCG	Information not held by the CCG	Our specialist CAMHS provider, SPFT received 7883 for the period April 2017 to March 2018
<b>C. How many children of this age have accessed the service over a 12 month period?</b>	0	0	0	It is difficult to give an accurate picture. However we know that of the 7883 routine referrals made, 5539 had some contact with the

				<p><b>service. This figure does not reflect the true number as it does not include children's cases that were already open to one of the teams.</b></p> <p><b>The CCG advises the referrer to approach Sussex Partnership for further clarification.</b></p>
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