

Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Trust Sunderland Children Cared For Report

April 2021 (Dec 2021 –Feb 2021)



Sunderland Children Cared for Report. December 2020 – February 2021

1. Activity

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Referrals	7	10	13
Referrals discharged unseen	2	1	4

Referrals discharged unseen

The following provides narrative in relation to reasons why the young people were not seen by the service.

December

- One young person requested referral was retracted as did not wish to engage with CYPS, CYPS clinicians liaised with social worker and referral closed to CYPS.
- One young person was referred, referral declined as inappropriate referral.

January

- Young person referral declined as currently undergoing care proceedings, due to uncertainty re. placement, advised to re- refer once care proceedings have been finalised.

February

- 4 referrals were declined as they were inappropriate referrals.

2. Referral Urgency

All cases referred to CYPs either by phone, fax, and email or in written format are reviewed on a daily basis by members of the clinical team. The purpose of this initial review is in order to signpost any cases that have been inappropriately referred and to ensure any cases that require an emergency or urgent response are highlighted and actioned immediately.

CYPS Intensive Community Treatment Service now sits within the Universal Crisis Team and offers a 24/7 service 365 days per year. ICTS will respond to the young person via telephone to offer a telephone triage within 1 hour. Any young person requiring an emergency

appointment will be offered an appointment within 4 hours of referral being received and for urgent referrals the young person will be offered an appointment within 24 hours.

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Emergency	0	0	0
Urgent	2	3	5
Total	2	3	5

3. Waiting Times (All Referrals)

Current Waiting Times to Treatment are detailed below. (Treatment is defined as second attended contact)

	Dec (Weeks)	Jan (Weeks)	Feb (Weeks)
Wait to Treatment	3	4	5

Referrals

During COVID the service has continued to accept all referrals and complete consultation, assessments and offer face to face psychological interventions. New Ways of Working have been fully embraced by the Team to facilitate contact with young people and their families / carers such as online consultation and phone contact, where face to face appointments cannot be supported.

Children who are Cared for Pathway

This Pathway specifically focuses on 2 areas, direct therapeutic work with the young people and non direct work with Foster Carers and staff working not residential homes, this includes Psychoeducational Group Interventions, Consultation and Training to Foster Families in conjunction with Together for Children and continued dedicated scaffolding support to Residential Homes in Sunderland.

Young People are offered priority appointments within CYPS and following assessment will access treatment within 6 weeks. The Pathway is a multi disciplinary team consisting of Nursing, Psychology, Child Psychotherapy and Psychiatry. The team have all completed specific formal training to deliver psychological therapies to meet the needs of the young people and their carers.

4.Current Caseload

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Total Children Looked After	98	103	107
Total CYPS Caseload	1710	1717	1754
Total % Children Looked After	5.7%	6.0%	6.1%