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The pathways between early help/early intervention and statutory children's social care services, in particular for children who have their cases closed after a UNOCINI assessment

1. Does your Trust have a process to refer children to early intervention services when their case is closed after a UNOCINI assessment? (Yes or No)

Yes

- a. If yes please give details.

For questions 2 and 3 please provide data for the following time periods:

- 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021
- 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022
- 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023
- 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024
- 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

And for the following age groups:

- All children
- 5-9 years
- 10-15 years
- 16 years and over

If no breakdown by age is available, please provide an overarching figure for all children. If no complete data is available for any question, please provide incomplete data.

2. For each of the periods and age groups as stated above how many children were subject to a UNOCINI assessment?

UNOCINI assessments are carried out by family, however, as this question specifically asks for number of children, then our count has been provided on a per child basis, eg. if a four child family has received an initial assessment, there will be four results in the figures for this one assessment process.

It is possible that one child can have more than one UNOCINI assessment over the time period requested, therefore the results will contain a count per child,

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per UNOCINI assessment eg. if a child had a UNOCINI assessment on 1 April 2020, and then again on 1 March 2021, they will be represented twice in the result.

The request does not specify when to take age of results, therefore the age has been taken as date of assessment.

Period	Number of Children subject to UNOCINI Assessment. Count per child, per assessment
1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021	1172
1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022	1295
1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023	1428
1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024	1247
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	1429
Total	6571

Age Band	Number of Children subject to UNOCINI assessment. Count per child, per assessment
Age 0-4	2083
Age 5-9	1932
Age 10-15	1981
Age 16-17	575
Total	6571

a. For how many children was the case closed following the UNOCINI assessment?

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It is possible that one child can have more than one UNOCINI assessment over the time period requested, therefore the results will contain a count per child, per UNOCINI assessment eg. if a child had a UNOCINI assessment on 1 April 2020, and then again on 1 March 2021, they will be represented twice in the result.

The request does not specify when to take age of results, therefore the age has been taken as date of assessment.

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Period	Number of Children with UNOCINI Assessment with action of Closed. Count per child, per assessment
1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021	493
1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022	576
1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023	633
1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024	543
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	493
Total	2738

Age Band	Number of Children with UNOCINI Assessment with action of Closed. Count per child, per assessment
Age 0-4	849
Age 5-9	847
Age 10-15	844
Age 16-17	198
Total	2738

- b. **How many of the children whose case was closed after assessment were subsequently re-referred for assessment within 12 months of their initial referral?**

This question asks how many children have been re-referred for assessment (not how many have been re-referred and been through a second assessment).

Figures provided are therefore those who have had a subsequent UNOCINI referral logged, whether this progressed to assessment or not following triage/thresholding. Re-referral may have progressed to assessment, be awaiting assessment, or have been closed without assessment.

There may have been more than one re-referral for a child, however as the question asks for a count of children re-referred, one count has been provided per re-referred child, regardless of the number of re-referrals for that child.

The request does not specify when age is to be provided, therefore age has been provided as date of re-referral.

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Period	Number of Children Re-referred on a UNOCINI within 12 months of an initial closed UNOCINI Assessment
1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021	109
1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022	215
1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023	238
1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024	174
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	171
Total	907

Age Band	Number of Children Re-referred on a UNOCINI within 12 months of an initial closed UNOCINI Assessment
Age 0-4	285
Age 5-9	272
Age 10-15	283
Age 16-17	67
Total	907

- c. **How many of the children whose case was closed after the UNOCINI assessment were referred to early help/early intervention services?**

To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information. It is therefore exempt from release.

- d. **How many of the children that had been referred on to early help/early intervention services following the closure of their UNOCINI case were re-referred for another UNOCINI assessment within 12 months?**

As above

3. **For each of the periods and age groups as stated above how many children in total received an early help/early intervention assessment in your Trust (referred from any source)?**

As above.