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Adult Mental Health Crisis, Emergency or Acute Mental Health Care in the last 12 months

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please supply me with the following information about adult mental health crisis services in the Belfast Trust:

- **Clarity about what specialist mental health teams in the Belfast Trust provide crisis, emergency, or acute mental health care in the community.**

The Unscheduled Care Team and the Assessment Centres provide assessments for emergency referrals. The Home Treatment Team provide assessments for Acute Care.

- **The numbers of people in the Belfast Trust currently receiving crisis, emergency or acute mental health care as inpatients**

We gather data for acute and emergency; we do not gather any data under the heading of "crisis".

There are 80 funded beds in Acute Mental Health Inpatient care for Belfast Trust

- **The numbers of people in the Belfast Trust currently receiving crisis, emergency or acute mental health care in the community from the Home Treatment Team or any other specialist mental health team.**

At 6 December 2021, there were 106 service users on the Mental Health Acute Care at Home caseload.

- **The total number of people who were assessed for crisis, emergency, or acute mental health care in the Belfast Trust in the last 12 months.**

We do not gather data specifically under the title "crisis". The Assessment Centre and Unscheduled Care offer assessments under the category of "emergency".

Between 6 December 2020 and 6 December 2021, the Mental Health Assessment Centres received 251 "emergency" referrals.

Between December 2020 and December 2021, the Mental Health Unscheduled Care Team who provide 24/7 services, received 4769 referrals.

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The total number of people who were assessed for crisis, emergency, or acute mental health care in the Belfast Trust in the last 12 months, but were not eligible for intervention at the time.

We do not gather data specifically under the title “crisis”. For all of the teams above, there were no referrals within the requested timeframe, with an urgent priority, that were deemed not eligible for intervention.

- **A breakdown of waiting times for crisis, emergency, or acute mental health care from assessment to the start of care/ treatment over the last 12 months (for inpatients and also for people receiving treatment in the community).**

The assessment process constitutes the start of care and treatment for each individual person. A treatment plan is agreed and informed by assessed clinical need and in collaboration with the service user. We do not capture data around waiting times under the above headings.