

12 June 2025

Children within South Eastern Trust Discharged from CAMHS within Last 18 Months

1. Can you confirm the number of children from the South Eastern Trust who have been deemed ineligible and discharged from the CAMHS service over the past 18 months?

795 referrals were not accepted in South Eastern Trust CAMHS during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 March 2025 as they did not meet CAMHS criteria.

For non-accepted referrals the referrer is then provided by CAMHS with advice or signposting to other more appropriate services.

2. Can you confirm how many of these children have been passed onto services within the community sector and how many letters of consent for the passing of patient information have been sent to legal guardians of those children?

Belfast Trust have contracts with a number of community and voluntary organisations to provide Step 2 Interventions.

In this period, 175 children and young people availed of these interventions. Consent has been sought in all cases either by letter if they were on a Step 2 CAMHS waiting list, or in person at the Step 2 CAMHS Initial Assessment appointment.