

# Children and Education Select Committee

Comparative analysis of waiting times for the CAMHS provision by  
clinical pathway

Financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19

The following analysis is based on **performance data for Targeted and Specialist CAMHS services** provided by the Surrey and Borders partnership.

The information used for this analysis refers to **financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19**, therefore reflecting waiting lists for the relevant financial year as they appeared at the end of **March**.

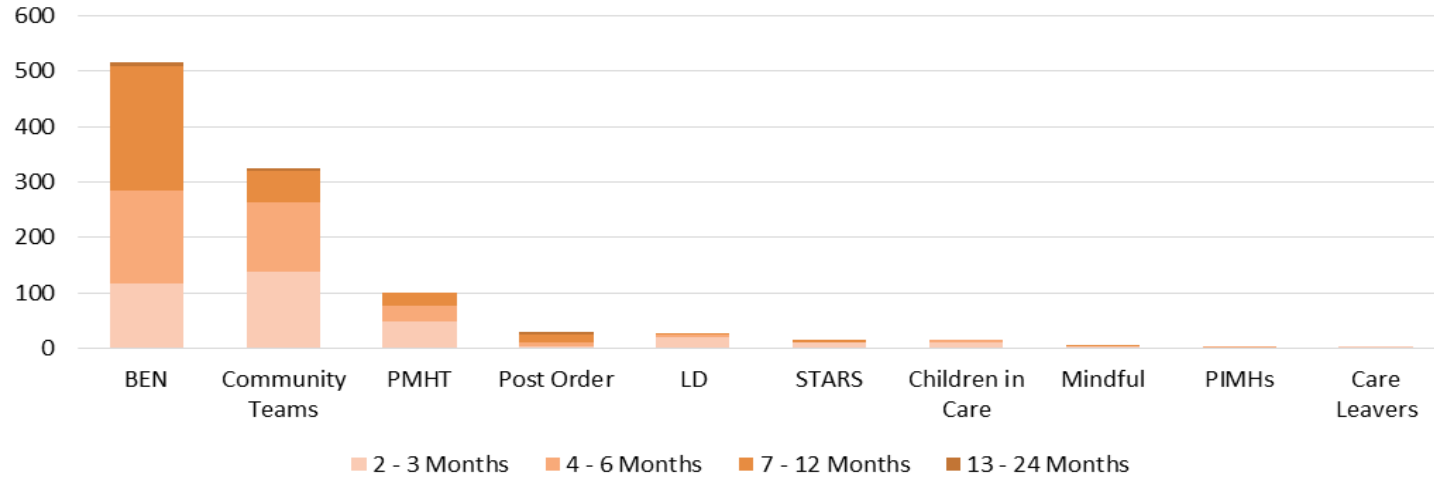
The analysis compares **CAMHS waiting lists for assessment and treatment for all treatment pathways**, also including information on the **cases open to One Stop** but not allocated to a pathway. **Average waiting times** to assessment and treatment are also shown.

### **Highlights:**

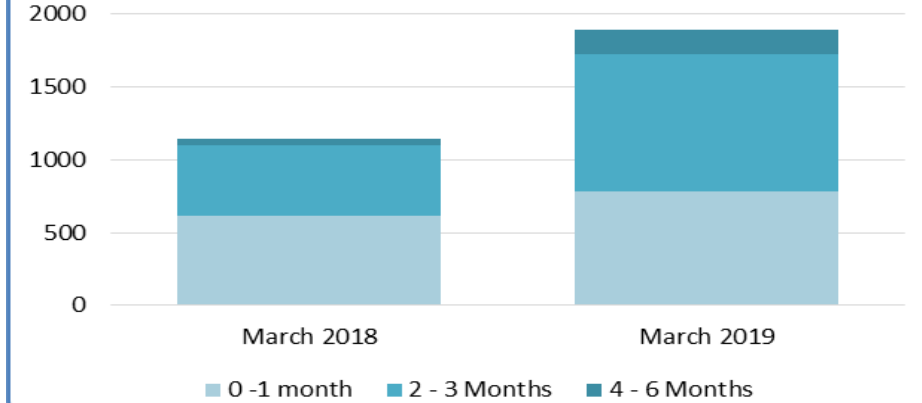
- **The overall waiting list for assessment has increased** since March 2018 by 476 referrals (+21.8%)
- **An increasingly high number of referrals are held in One Stop**, as the front door has not allocated them to a pathway
- **Average waiting time to assessment has fallen slightly** (-4.2%)
  
- **The overall waiting list for treatment has increased** since March 2018 by 94 referrals (+12.9%)
- **The increase in the waiting list for treatment is largely down to the BEN pathway**
- **Average waiting time from assessment to treatment has increased** (+29.7%)

# Referrals on the waiting list for Assessment

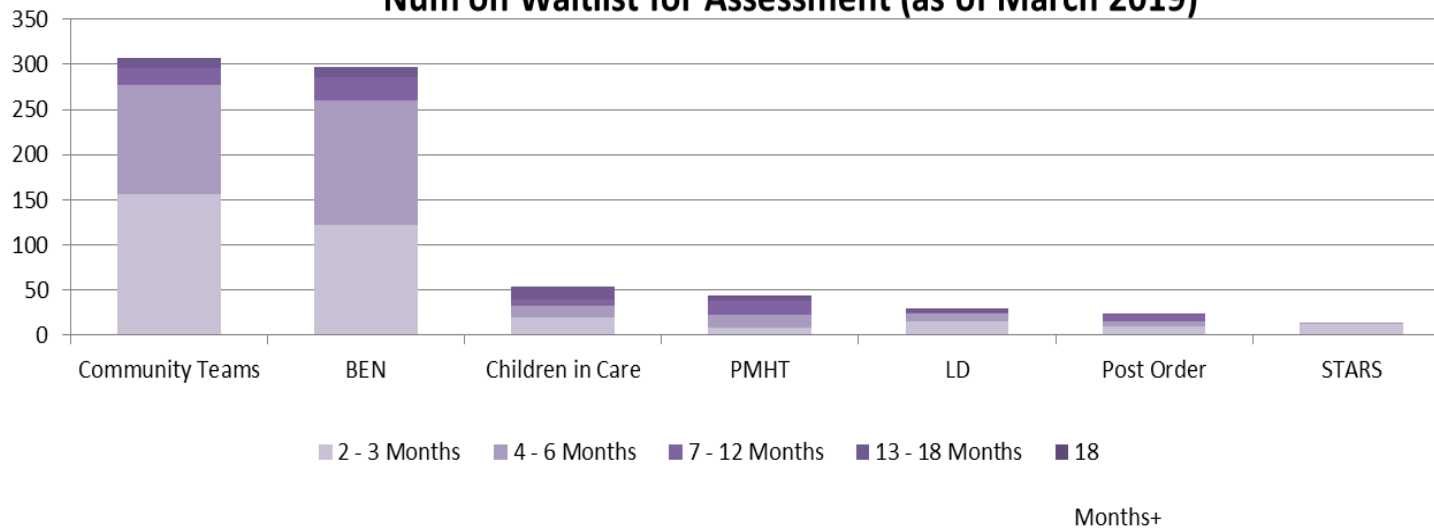
## Num on Waitlist for Assessment (as of March 2018)



## One Stop Waitlist



## Num on Waitlist for Assessment (as of March 2019)



**Overall, 769 referrals allocated to a CAMHS pathway were awaiting assessment in March 2019, down from 1,034 in March 2018.**

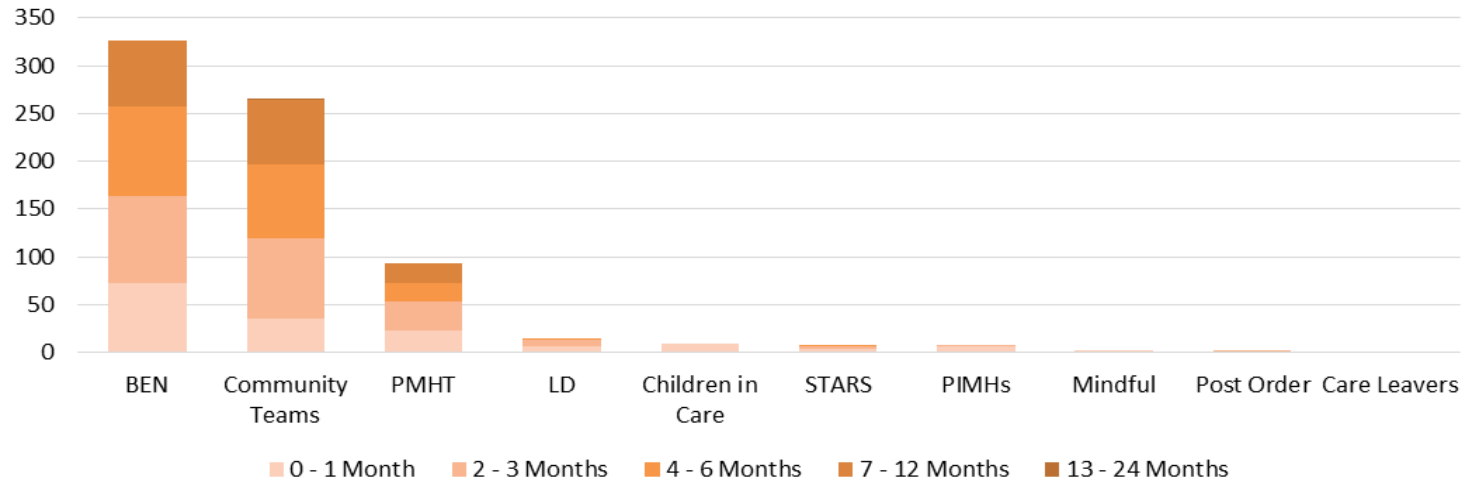
Waiting lists have fallen for BEN and PMHT mainly, while they have risen for Children in Care.

While this portrays an overall positive outlook, **the One Stop waiting list has increased to 1,886 cases in March 2019 as compared to 1,145 in March 2018\***, meaning there is a higher number of referrals waiting to be allocated to a pathway, and an overall higher number of referrals waiting for assessment.

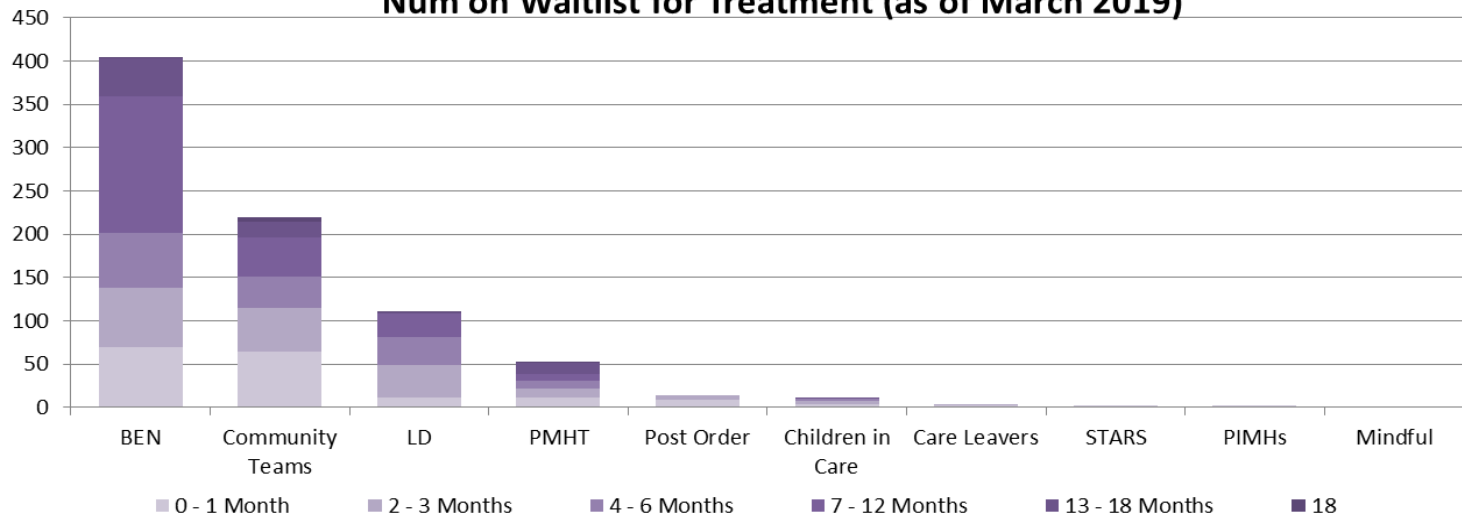
\*Data for this chart comes from the unrefreshed dashboards for March 2018 and 2019, as data in the refreshed March 2018 dashboard was corrupted and could not be used.

# Referrals on the waiting list for Treatment

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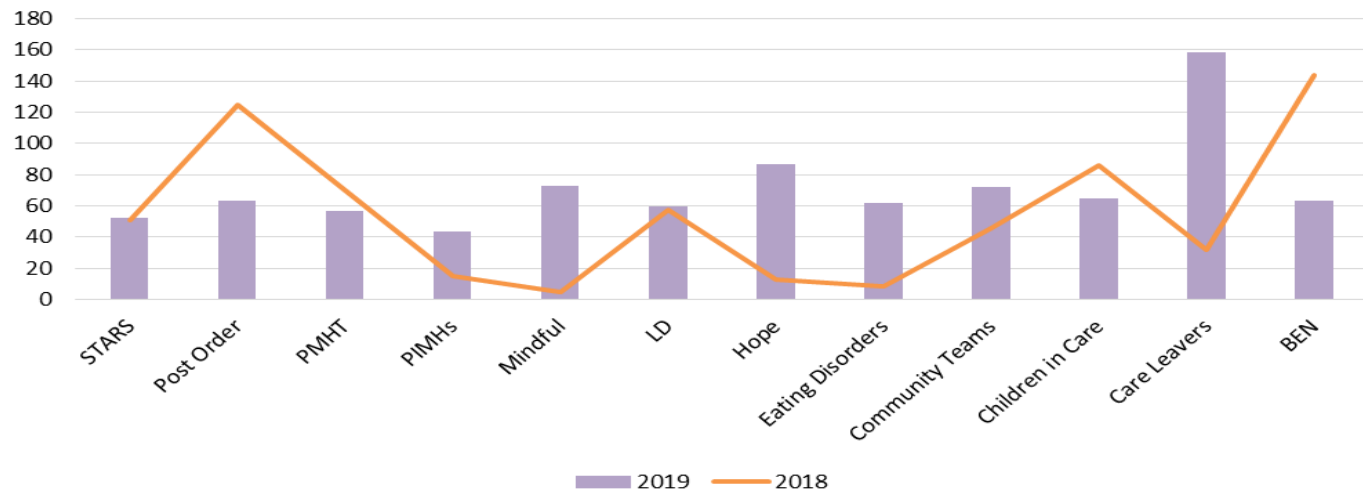
**Waiting lists for treatment have increased overall, up to 824 referrals in March 2019 from 730 referrals in March 2018.**

**The increase is largely down to the BEN pathway, while Learning Disabilities has also been increasing. All other pathways have either seen their waitlist shorten or have remained largely stable.**

**It is worthy of note that about half of referrals waiting for treatment in BEN have been waiting for over 12 months. Data issues might be influencing this indicator negatively, as some referrals shown as waiting for 12+ months are actually not waiting for treatment, but for a follow-up assessment as appropriate for their pathway.**

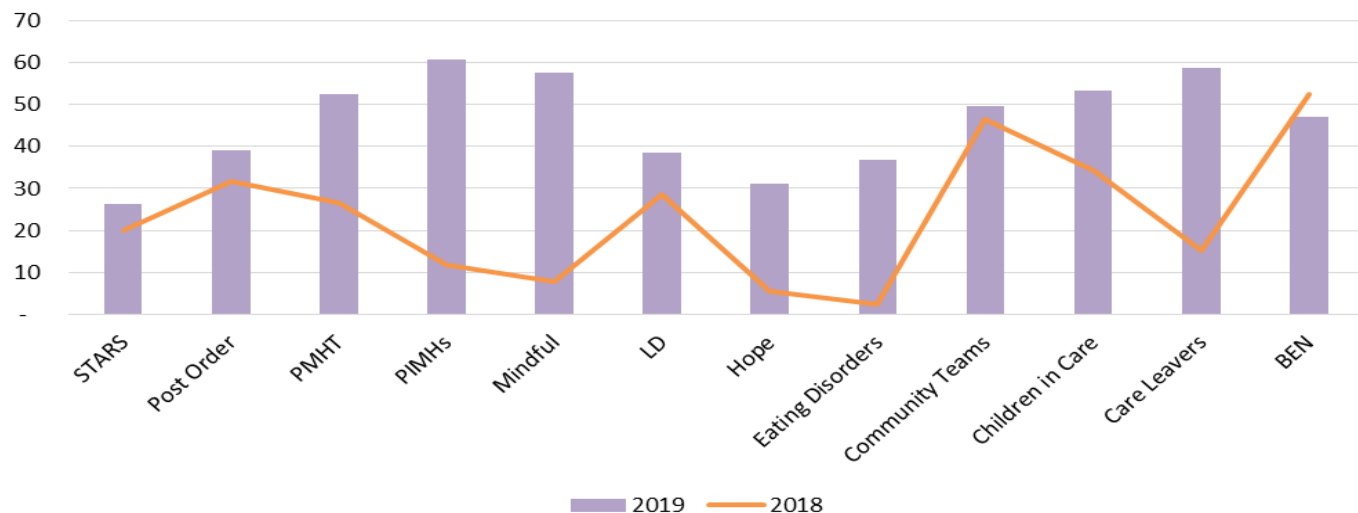
# Average waiting times

## Average waiting times to assessment



Average waiting times to assessment have fallen for BEN and Post Order, but they have increased for Care Leavers, Eating Disorders, Hope, Mindful and PIMH. **The average waiting time to assessment across pathways has fallen slightly from 71 to 68 working days, in spite of the overall longer waiting list.**

## Average waiting times to treatment



Average waiting times to treatment have increased for Care leavers, Children in Care, Eating Disorders, Hope, Mindful, PIMH and PMHT, remaining stable for the remaining pathways. **The average waiting time from assessment to treatment across pathway has increased from 37 to 48 working days.**

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