About this release

This release by Information Services Division presents data up to 31 March 2018 in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Benchmarking Toolkit. The CAMHS benchmarking toolkit aims to support the implementation of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health policy using national data benchmarking of CAMHS across Scotland. The toolkit contains information on waiting times for CAMHS, workforce statistics, inpatient admissions and inpatient bed days.

ISD propose that this will be the final release of the CAMHS Benchmarking Toolkit in its current format. The data contained here can be found within the quarterly CAMHS in Scotland: Waiting Times, Service Demand, and Workforce release. We would welcome your thoughts and comments on this proposal – please get in touch with the team, contact details are below.

Main Points

Based on the available data for the quarter ending March 2018:

- 3,979 children and young people started treatment at Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in 14 NHS Boards, compared to 4,027 in the previous quarter.
- The community CAMHS wages budget per 1,000 people under 18 ranged from £9,444 - £62,502 for NHS Boards across Scotland, compared to £9,444 - £60,212 in the previous quarter.
- Across Scotland, around one in eight patients (11.5%) referred to CAMHS did not attend their first appointment, compared to 11.8% in the previous quarter.
Background
This information helps to provide a balanced view of CAMHS in NHS Scotland, incorporating the aims of the Quality Strategy domains of Client/Patient Focus, Delivering Best Practice, Internal Processes and Best Use of Resources. It achieves this by taking a range of information on waiting times for young people receiving mental health services, the workforce employed to provide those services, hospital activity and several other contextual measures. The balanced scorecard comprises of a detailed set of data tables in the CAMHS toolkit and an interactive comparative dashboard.

Further information is available from the CAMHS Benchmarking Toolkit webpage.

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Further Information
The CAMHS Benchmarking National Scorecard from this publication is available to download from our web page.