

Mental Health Provision (Children and Young People) Bill

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Require the Government to report annually to Parliament on mental health provision for children and young people.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Annual report to Parliament

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament annual reports on mental health provision for children and young people in England.
- (2) A report laid under this Act must include an assessment by the Secretary of State of mental health services provided in England through schools, by clinical commissioning groups and by local authorities. 5
- (3) Reports under this section must be laid—
 - (a) in line with NHS England budgets and planning cycles, and
 - (b) not later than 31 January of the financial year following that to which they relate. 10

2 Information about spending on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

- (1) A report laid under this Act must include a statement of the outturn of NHS England spending on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
- (2) The annual statement from subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) CAMHS expenditure per head, 15
 - (b) the percentage of the annual NHS England budget allotted to CAMHS, and
 - (c) the percentage of the annual mental health budget allotted to CAHMS.
- (3) The figures in subsection (2) must be broken down on a regional basis.
- (4) Each statement under subsection (1) must include an assessment by the Secretary of State of whether expenditure on CAMHS has met the aims of the NHS Long Term Plan. 20

3 Information about waiting times for services

- (1) A report laid under this Act must include information about waiting times for children and young people accessing mental health services, including—
- (a) for very urgent presentations to community-based mental health crisis services, the proportion of children and young people seen within 4 hours of referral, 5
 - (b) for urgent presentations to community-based mental health crisis services, the proportion of children and young people seen within 24 hours of referral,
 - (c) for referrals from an emergency department, the proportion of children and young people who received a face-to-face assessment by the appropriate mental health liaison service within 1 hour, and 10
 - (d) for children, young people and their families or carers presenting to community-based mental health services, the proportion who started treatment— 15
 - (i) within 4 weeks,
 - (ii) within 6 months,
 - (iii) within 12 months,
 - (iv) after more than twelve months.
- (2) The data in subsection (1) must be broken down on a regional basis. 20
- (3) In this section, the terms “very urgent” and “urgent” should be read in accordance with “Mental health clinically-led review of standards: Models of care and measurement: consultation response” as published by NHS England on 22 February 2022.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

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- (1) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Mental Health Provision (Children and Young People) Act 2022.

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Presented by Munira Wilson

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