

'More Than A Number'

Children & Young People on Health Waiting Lists in NI

Figures from April 2022

34,278 Children waiting to access community child health services

1 in 13 Children - Up from 1 in 16 last year
7,460 more Children waiting than in April 2021

What are Community Child Health Services?

In the local community, hospitals, & schools. Community paediatricians work closely with health visitors, social workers, therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses & teachers to manage & support children in the community.



Numbers of children waiting to access specific key services

482 Child Health Psychology
 313 more children waiting than April 21 - a 185% increase

2,526 Nutrition and Dietetic Paediatric Services
 639 more children waiting than April 21 - a 34% increase

3,086 Orthoptics Services
 862 more children waiting than April 21 - a 39% increase

4,574 Speech and Language Therapy
 2,130 more children waiting than April 21 - a 87% increase

8,014 Community Paediatric Medical Service
 948 more children waiting than April 21 - a 13% increase

6,845 Children waiting on an Autism Assessment, 1,690 more than April 21 - a 33% increase

of which

2,731 have been waiting over a year, 536 more than April 21 - a 24% increase

2,223 Children waiting for Step 3 CAMHS*, 763 more than April 21 - a 52% increase

*Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

of which

52 have been waiting over a year, compared to 0 in April 21

229 have been waiting 26 to 52 weeks, 194 more than April 21 - a 554% increase

435,071

Population aged 0 -17
 Census 2021*

*Duplicate referrals not removed from statistics - one child could be on a waiting list for a number of services