

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide the Assembly with the number of new adult mental health referrals or patients, broken down by age, seen by the Department of Health and Community Services since public health advice about shielding and 'lockdown' took effect?

Answer

During the period 30th March to 30th June 2020, mental health services for the 18 to 64 age group were paused, other than those provided by the Mental Health Liaison Team. This Team acts as a gateway and signposting service. It is an emergency assessment service and incorporates community triage staff who work with the States of Jersey Police.

The pause in services was communicated to GPs and so referrals were low. Older adult services continued to accept referrals, other than for the memory clinic which was paused. (The figures below do not include Alcohol and Drug Services.)

Age 18 to 64 years*

From 30 March to 30 June 2020, adult mental health services received Liaison referrals for 200 clients.

Age at Referral	Count
18-30	72
31-45	75
46-64	47
65+	6

* The Liaison Team sees over 65s in emergency situations

Age 65 and over services

Category	Month		
	April	May	June
New referrals	12	22	37
Re-referrals	4	13	14
Internal referrals	172	36	62
Other	37	47	91
All referrals	225	118	204

Other referrals include adult protection notifications, care agencies, family members and safeguarding referrals in relation to people open to the service. There were 15 GP referrals in April, 12 in May and 40 in June.