Outreach Overview

IN CONJUCTION WITH THE SURVEY WE ENGAGED WITH CYP AND PARENT AND CARER GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS SEVERAL SCHOOLS TO GAIN FEEDBACK



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peoples voice heard

- 69 Parent / carers interviewed on a 1:1
- •132YP face-to-face engagement
- 16 Teachers/ School mental health team
- 42 CYP Practitioners / professionals

GROUPS

- WIRED Young Carers
- Children in Care Connect
- **EMPOWER**
- Parents In Mind (PIM)
- WARPAC
- Home-Start
- Kooth
- St Joseph's
- CAMHS
- WYC





Warrington

Trends Extremely isolated, low mood, anxious, exhaustion, lack of support due to lockdown, frustration, guilt towards children and partners

Home-Start had a positive impact on wellbeing and mental health of all mums that fed back, resulting in a more confident relationship with baby/ children and in some cases partners.

"Being referred to Home-Start has been a lifeline"

service users fedback





YP stated they held back on their issues as they didn't feel 100% relaxed

"Wasn't sure if our conversation was confidential, always warned about internet safety"

Out of 17 who had a good experience:

Happy with online counselling

glad accessed but prefer face to face



Kooth had a significant increase in referrals since the start of the pandemic.

Warrington

Young People aged 13-19 who have accessed CAMHS

Young people said they had waited 10 months or over for support.

YP said when they eventually had an appointment the session went well and they talked a lot.

Said they had a telephone or online appointment and after the conversation were told they would not be seen again for several months.

Teacher / Support Staff 26 Parent / Carers 24 Professionals

Parents said once their children did receive support, it was good.

School staff all stated they do not have faith in the service.

Said CAMHS waiting list is unacceptable and far too long, and shared concerns there are NO appointments for under 8s.



Warrington

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- **Groups** TAGS, EMPOWER, Children in Care Council (CICC) Warrington Youth Voice, Young Carers, WYC & The Girls Group
- 9 Children in Care Council all struggled with their emotions during lockdown and dreaded one another.
- **7** Empower Lockdown had been particularly difficult and the group provided them much needed support. Since joining the group, their mental health and outlook on life had improved.
- 4 The Girls Group Missed Youth Club during pandemic, but group "helped us how to improve our mental health when on social
- 6 Young carers All said caring roles increased significantly during the pandemic. Increased feelings of loneliness, sadness and isolation.



Referrals to service have increased significantly during pandemic.

During the Pandemic Warrington Parents and Carers were able to work much more closely with the Local Authority supporting over 70 families in crisis helping with issues arising across education, health and social care.

Parents spoke to us about how invaluable WARPACs support was during the pandemic.





2 Parents spoke about how understanding and lack of judgement.

Young Peoples Survey

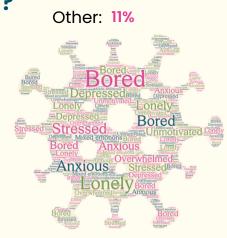
OVERALL, **554** RESPONDENTS COMPLETED THIS SURVEY. STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE QUESTIONNAIRE ATTENDED A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS INCLUDING PRIESTLEY COLLEGE, BIRCHWOOD, KINGS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, BEAUMONT COLLEGIATE ACADEMY, CULCHETH HIGH SCHOOL, SIR THOMAS BOTELER, BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL, AND UTC WARRINGTON.



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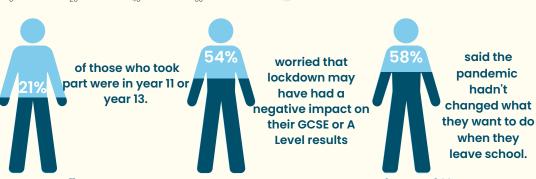
How did the pandemic make you feel

emotionally? 40 change positive Happy 10% 28% 24% **Norrie**d Angry sad 33%

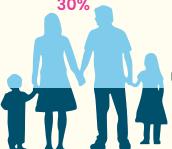


What did you do to stay happy during





"I had a chance to do more research into different career prospects"



Enjoyed spending more time with their families

28% saw no change

18% became closer 20% found it boring

8% had increased anxiety

Returning to school after lockdown

31% OK 31% Nervous **21%** Happy 20% Excited

Exhausted 50/50 nervous & excited

Apprehensive Angry

Stressed

Drained

Social Media

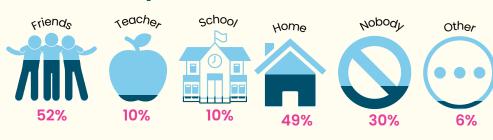


said social media wasn't a help during lockdown saying that it was "Toxic" "Unproductive" and a method for bullying.



30% Enabled them to talk to family & friends, prevented them from being bored, entertaining and helped keep them occupied.

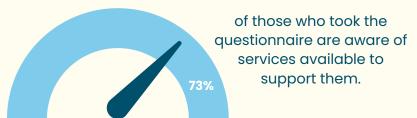
Who would you talk to?



Other:

External Family, therapists, boyfriend/girlfriend

Services to provide support



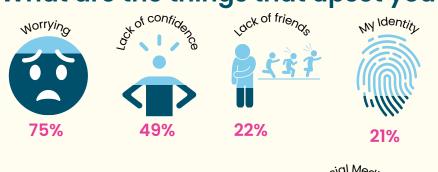
16% didn't know what services where available 8% wanted more information.

Providing support for peers



26% said it would depend on the problem

What are the things that upset you?









Overthinking

School work

Friendships

Bullies

Bereavements

Not seeing family & Friends Poor mental health

Are you a Young Carer?

Do you look after or care for anyone such as your parents, brothers or sisters?



28% said that they do care for a family member.

GP Survey

OVERALL, 21 GPS RESPONDED TO THIS SURVEY.

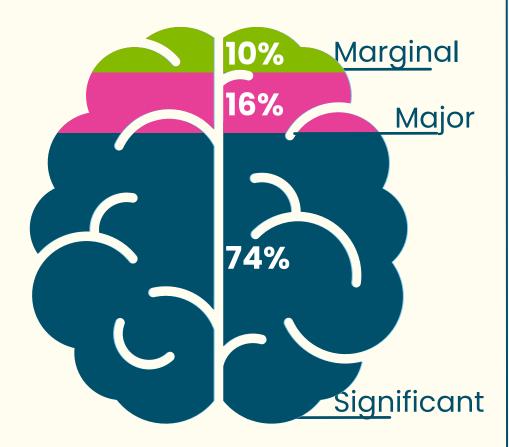


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90%

of GPs had seen an increase in appointments presenting with Mental Health issues

5% said they were unsure.



Since the start of the pandemic has there been an increase in referrals to CAMHS?

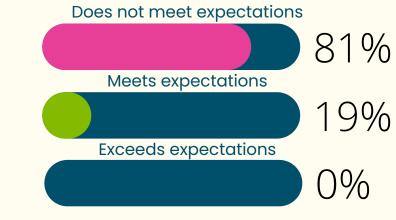
No 10%
Not Sure 19%
Yes 71%

How significant has the increase been?
Only 13 GPs responded to this question



I know CAMHS are underfunded but do they really need to reject every single referral?

How satisfied are you with the service CAMHS provides?



The bar for CAHMS intervention is so high that it makes the referral process frustrating. The other services seem patchy at best.

Since the start of the pandemic has there been an increase in referrals to St Josephs?



How significant has the increase been?





During the pandemic have you had an increase in referrals to the private sector for CYP accessing counselling?



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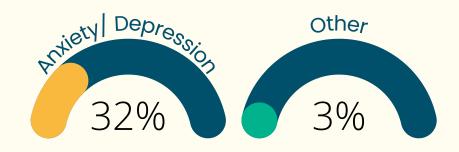
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Have you had an increase in CYP presenting with any of the following?

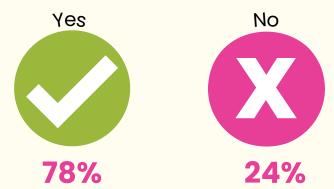




Other: ADHD, Autism, Social Phobia, Agoraphobia

Timely access to CBT and condition specific support eg for eating disorders. Dedicated counselling service for young people not available – aware of Kooth and happy ok sad online resource but not substitute for personal contact. Also not much available for parents / carers of these young people.

In your experience are there any issues/gaps in any of the commissioned services that support CYPs mental health?



Absolutely no help for primary care if referrals are rejected even before an assessment! There is no provision for counselling or support.

In your experience are there adequate services for you to refer/signpost parents/carers to who require support, advice, and information to help them support their children with their mental health issues?



The service is very confusing for those transitioning to Adult services . 16 and 17 year olds tend to be in 'limbo' when it comes to their care. As a GP I'm often unsure how to proceed with such patients

What services do you refer to?



Increase in Young Carers since the pandemic?



When asked if they had referred anyone to WIRED Young Carers four said "yes."