



AWAY FROM HOME



CAPSS surveillance for the study:

Far Away from Home

Commences in February 2021

At present, we know little about how many young people in England are admitted far from home or to adult psychiatric wards or the factors that contribute to such admissions. This research aims to understand and improve the experience of care for young people who are referred for admission to general adolescent units and are admitted far from home or to adult wards.

This study has two parts:

1. To find out how many young people (aged 13-17 years) in England are admitted to general adolescent units further than 50 miles from their home or to a different NHS region, or to adult wards. Over a 13-month period, Child & Adolescent Psychiatrists will be asked to report the number of young people who have been experienced such admissions. They will then be invited to complete questionnaires, at baseline and 6-month follow-up, about young people admitted to these different types of inpatient care, how long they spent there and their care, and how they got on.
2. To explore the views and experiences of doctors who are involved in referring young people for inpatient care. This part of the study will be a linked work package that would seek these doctors' agreement to contact them to discuss their general views and experiences about making referrals and different admission types (via reported cases).

DURATION: Surveillance will be undertaken for 13-months, **February 2021 – February 2022**

There will be a **6-month follow-up** questionnaire, for each case reported.

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: Please report any young person aged 13-17 years referred in the past month by you or a member of your team/service¹ for admission to a general adolescent unit, or for whom you have become the responsible inpatient or outpatient consultant, where they were admitted to an adult ward or to a general adolescent unit over 50 miles from their home or outside their commissioning region area*.

The referral for admission could have been either during working hours or when on-call and includes occasions when the referral was made by a colleague (e.g. MDT/Crisis Team clinician; on-call junior doctor; another doctor whom you supervise) and you were the named "Psychiatrist supporting the referral" on the NHS England Referral Form / Form 1 completed by the referring clinician who had assessed the patient.

Please report any case even if you believe the case may have been reported from elsewhere.

CASE DEFINITION

Young people aged 13-17 years admitted to a general adolescent unit at distance from their home (over 50 miles away or outside their commissioning area*) or to an adult ward.

Includes

Admissions to either:

- any adult psychiatric ward
- a general adolescent unit over 50 miles away from their home
- a general adolescent unit outside their commissioning area

Excludes

- **Admissions to highly specialised regional units such as** Eating disorder units; Learning disability / ASD units; Forensic / Secure units; PICU.
- **An admission that you have previously reported to CAPSS.**

WEBSITE: <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/improving-care/ccqi/research-and-evaluation/current-research/capss/capss-studies>

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ETHICAL APPROVAL: This study has been approved by South Birmingham Research Ethics Committee (20/WM/0265) and Section 251 HRA-CAG permission (20/CAG/0127).

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you would like any advice regarding the eligibility of a particular case for inclusion in the study please contact: *Dr James Roe*: email james.roe@nottingham.ac.uk telephone 0115 82 32476

*NHSE Commissioning Region areas

East of England

East Midlands

London

North East

North West

South East (Kent / Surrey / Sussex)

South Central (Oxford / Bucks / Berks/ Hants / IoW)

South West

West Midlands

Yorkshire & Humber