

Briefing: impact of COVID-19 on child health services

Pressure on Emergency Departments (ED)

seen significant pressure on paediatric A&E departments

guidance

Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM).

Increased demand for mental health services

Impact on paediatric outpatients

26% of services

15% of services

Virtual consultations

81% of survey respondents

78% and 76% respectively

Redeployment of paediatricians to adult services

13% of services reported

paediatric consultants

46% and 11% of services

Impact of the pandemic on paediatric workforce

15% of services reporting

absence due to stress
absences.

45% of clinical leads reporting concerns about future

Calls to Government

Implement an overarching child health strategy

Provide ring-fenced funding of CAMHS and inpatient paediatric mental health services

Urgently increase funding to Local Authorities Provide sufficient funding for Local Authorities

£1 billion of real-terms cuts

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