

was the economic and social cost of mental health problems in 2019/20, and this is set to grow in the next decade.1

More than

75 per cent

of autistic people sought support for their mental health in the last five years.⁵

Higher rates

of most common

mental health
difficulties are in
women and girls
than men and boys.6



Centre for Mental Health



About

10 million

more people, 1.5 million of them under 18, will need extra support for their mental health because of COVID-19.2

Only

1/4 to 1/3

of people with a mental health difficulty receive treatment for it.³



More than

2,000



autistic people and people with a learning disability are in a mental health hospital, the vast majority under the Mental Health Act.⁷ An average of

15-20 years

shorter life expectancy in people with learning disabilities and people with long-term mental health problems compared with the general population.8





as many black people than white people in England are likely to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act and ten times more at risk of getting a community treatment order.⁴

1 in 6



children had a mental health difficulty compared with 1 in 10 in 2004 and 1 in 9 in 2017.¹⁰

3x



more likely to find a mental health difficulty in children with a learning disability.9