

**Table 1: Structural characteristics, referrals and first appointments at MASs (n=73)**

Characteristic	Number (%)
Year established	
Before 2000	13 (19)
2000-2004	15 (22)
2005-2009	16 (23)
2010-2015	25 (36)
missing	4
Accreditation	
No	49 (67)
In progress	5 ( 7)
Yes	19 (26)
Staff (WTE)	
1-10	40 (61)
11-20	20 (31)
More than 20	5 ( 8)
missing	8
Skill-mix <sup>a</sup>	
Psychologist	48 (66)
Allied health professional	51 (70)
Advisory & support staff	38 (52)
Nurse:doctor ratio	
Less than 1.6	24 (37)
1.7-3.3	18 (28)
3.4-5.0	12 (19)
5 or more	10 (16)
missing	9
New patients per month	

Less than 25	15 (21)
25-49	22 (31)
50-74	24 (33)
75 or more	11 (15)
missing	1
Workload (new patients per WTE staff per month)	
1-5	21 (39)
6-10	36 (49)
More than 10	16 (22)
Waiting time for first appointment (weeks)	
6 or less	53 (73)
7-12	15 (20)
More than 12	5 (7)
Length of first appointment (minutes)	
Less than 60	21 (29)
60-89	37 (51)
90 or more	15 (20)
Clinical assessments performed <sup>b</sup>	
Electro-cardiogram	45 (62)
Neurological examination	31 (42)

<sup>a</sup> Proportions of MASs with category of staff present; <sup>b</sup> Proportions of MASs in which assessment performed