

What is Forensic CAMHS?

The Forensic Child and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is an NHS service that helps young people under 18 who are displaying behaviours that may be putting others at risk. The service is here to help families and professionals with these young people, particularly when there are concerns about mental health or learning difficulties. We have good relationships with other services within and beyond the South West of England.

Why has my child been referred?

It is most likely the case that a professional who has had contact with your child is concerned about their wellbeing and their risky behaviour towards others. It may be that they are in trouble with the police.

What happens when a referral has been made?

Referrals will be made by professionals working with the young person, following discussion with them, their parents or carers. Sometimes a professional will have also checked with us to ensure we are the right service for your child before deciding to make a referral.

When we receive a referral, we will speak with the professionals who need to be involved to check that services are helping in the best possible way. We will help clarify what is needed and who or what might provide this.

The way we work includes:

- Offering advice
- Offering ongoing support to professionals
- Offering direct assessment or intervention to young people

Wherever possible we will seek to involve parents and carers in our work.

What happens next?

A professional working with your child might come to us for advice about the best way to support them. In some cases, you and your child may be asked to meet with someone from our team. This meeting will be carried out in a place where you feel safe and comfortable.

We may need to meet more than once.

Our team is made up of psychiatrists, nurses and psychologists. Often, we arrange for you and your child to meet with us alongside someone you or they already know well, such as their CAMHS practitioner, youth offending team worker or social worker.

What happens when you have seen us?

Information from our meetings will contribute to our assessment of the young person, which we will then share with the youth, their parent/carer and the professionals involved. We often help professionals and parents to make plans to help the young person. We will remain involved for as long as those concerned consider it helpful. In some cases, this is for a short time (weeks), while in other

cases, it can be for years.

What if I or my child don't want to meet with you?

We hope that you'll agree to attend the appointment with us. We try to offer appointments where you feel safe and comfortable. At the appointment we can discuss any worries or concerns you might have.

If you don't want to attend the appointment, please speak to one of the professionals who works with you or your child. If you choose not to meet with us but other professionals continue to be concerned about your child, we may still meet with the young person to discuss their situation.

What happens next?

Once we have enough information to have an accurate assessment we will share this with you, your child and the professionals working with you.

We'll discuss different approaches available to meet your child's needs, and we'll always take your own wishes into account.

We may offer ongoing input from our service to you or professionals.

It is important to remember that professionals have a duty to share information about a young person's behaviour when that behaviour is thought to present a risk to that young person or to someone else. You should be made aware what information needs to be shared, why and with whom.

Feedback

We want to know about your experience with Forensic CAMHS and would like to hear from you. Please go to:

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Bengali আপনি এই তথ্য অন্য ভাষায় বা আলাদা আকারে পেতে চাইলে অনুগ্রহ করে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

Urdu اگر آپ یہ معلومات دیگر زبان یا مختلف فارمیٹ میں چاہتے ہیں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔

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