



Cheshire and Wirral Partnership 
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**CAMHS/CYPD Social Care
Partnership Teams
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Wirral CAMHS/Social Care Partnership Teams

6 teams-

- Children in Need
- Looked After Children team
- Fostering Futures
- Adoption Support
- Complex Social and Communication Support Team
- New Directions (Education Project)

The teams have been set up to contribute to the strategic priorities of “Children’s Services”:

- *To safely reduce the number of Looked After Children*
- *To maintain children within their families and communities where this is appropriate and safe*
- *To provide a comprehensive CAMHS that includes access for Children with Disabilities and those 16+*
- *To improve the opportunities, attainment and well-being of children, particularly those who experience social disadvantage contributing to a reduction in the numbers of Teenage Pregnancies and 16+ who are “Not in Employment, Education or Training”.*

Funding

- 2000 LAC funded by Quality Protects money to provide mental health services to this population.
- Included Sexual Abuse and Trauma
- Therapeutic Fostering
- 2004 CIN, Fostering and Adoption teams established with CAMHS specific grant
- Funding agreed to 2013
- 2008 investment in creating new posts from PCT
- 2008 PCT/ Education funding for New Directions

Children in Need Team

- 2 Psychologists (1.4wte)
- 3 Mental Health workers (2.8wte)
- 2 Sexual Abuse and Trauma workers(1.5wte)
- Psychiatry sessional input
- Trainee psychologists and student Social Workers
- Admin support (1.0wte)

Purpose of CIN Team

- To offer a consultation service to Social workers
- To offer direct therapeutic intervention to young people and their families agreed with the Social Worker
- To contribute to initial and core assessments regarding mental health needs of young people.
- To assist in managing risk/dangerousness by being part of the multi-agency plan for families

- To offer a service to children and families affected by sexual abuse and trauma via consultation or direct work.
- To offer training in relevant mental health topics to Social Workers and related professionals
- To offer consultation to the Adolescent Crisis Team
- To work with identified families, Section 17 of C.A., Section 47 investigations, subject to care proceedings

Referral Criteria

- All referrals must have an allocated Social Worker
- All referrals must be consulted on prior to referral
- The case must stay open to a Social Worker during our involvement
- No waiting list

Looked After Children Team

- 2 psychologists (1.4wte)
- 2 Mental Health Workers (2.0wte)
- 1 Psychology Assistant (1.0wte)
- Psychiatry sessional input
- Admin support (0.5wte)

Core areas of work

- The team offers consultation and direct work to Social Workers and foster carers
- Assessment of need
- Reports for court proceedings with ongoing casework
- Assist with rehabilitation plans
- Contributes to Care Planning and permanency plans
- Advice and consultation to residential homes for Wirral children
- Training –attachment; crisis intervention; child mental health needs; specific disorders
- Direct work with carers and/or young people

(Children will have been in care 4 months+)

Adoption Service

- A team of one!
- Close links to the fostering and adoption service
- Pre-adoption assessments undertaken
- Post-adoption support
- Close links to the CAMHS LAC team
- Training
- Consultation model and direct work

Fostering Futures

- Project Manager (0.5 wte)
- Psychologist (0.8 wte)
- 2 Mental Health Therapists (2.0 wte)
- 1 Senior Support Worker (1.0 wte)
- 3 Support Workers (3.0 wte)
- 1 LACES teacher
- Admin Support (0.8 wte)

- Intensive and highly structured packages of foster care to young people who have experienced multiple placement breakdowns
- Extra training and support to experienced foster carers
- Individual therapy programmes for the young people
- Educational packages of support for schools and young people

New Directions

1 Psychologist (0.8wte)

1 Senior Mental Health therapist (0.9wte)

1 Assistant Psychologist (1.0 wte)

To work with the 4 EBD schools to offer highly intensive and structured interventions for young people at risk of exclusion

Outcomes and Benefits

- Use of structured mental health and risk assessment tools
- Extensive audit and evaluation
- Teams linked across the floor
- Common themes, shared information
- Good inter agency links CAMHS core services, schools, CYPD

- Driving forward the children at risk agenda via multi-agency working and co-operation
- Shared training
- Shared risk management and safeguarding
- Contribution to the staying safe and being healthy agendas
- Supporting education placements and promoting learning

And a final trumpet blow....

The recent OFSTED inspections for Safeguarding, Looked After Children and Adoption, saw the contributions by Health Partnerships as *OUTSTANDING*.