

# **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

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# What is Mental Health?



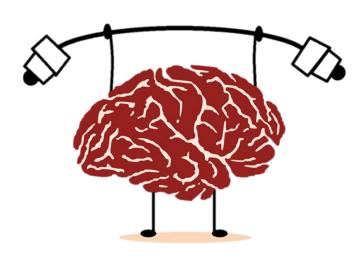
#### **HOW YOU...**

- Think, Act and Feel
- Look at yourself, Your life and Relate to people in your life
- Think, feel and act in response to situations
- Evaluate your options and make choices

#### IT CAN AFFECT YOUR...

- Relationships with others
- Ability to communicate
- Ability to Organise, Concentrate, Adapt and Change to situations
- Maintain daily activities











## Who has Mental Health?



Everyone has Mental Health in the same way that everyone has Physical Health

If you're in good mental health you can:

- Make the most of your potential
- Cope with the ups and downs of life
- Play a full part in your family, school and amongst friends
- Looking after mental health is as important as looking after your body
- Mental health is everyone's business
- We all have days where we struggle but mostly these feelings pass
- Sometimes they develop into a more serious problem





# **Early Identification**



Eating or sleeping too much or too little



Pulling away from people / social withdrawal



Having low energy or no energy - flat and unmotivated



Feeling helpless, trapped or hopeless about the future



Thinking of harming yourself or others

- Not engaging in your usual activities
- Feeling numb, like nothing matters or can't be bothered with anything
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Using alcohol or drugs
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Fighting a lot with family and friends
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships with family or friends
- · Having upsetting thoughts and memories that you can't get out of your head
- · Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Struggling to perform daily tasks like taking care of your personal hygiene, getting school work done or even getting to school

We care

We respect

We are inclusive

# I THRIVE / CAMHS Offer



#### **Getting Advice**

- Padlets
- Consultations
- Drop ins
- Assemblies
- Signposting

#### **Getting Risk Support**

- 111\*2
- Crisis Team
- Home Treatment
- AMHT
- Evergreen Unit



#### **Getting Help**

Community Access Service;

- Mental Health Support Teams
- School's CAMH Access Service
- Primary Care Access Service
- 0-5 pathway
- Autism Assessment Pathway (AAP)
- Core CAMHS

#### **Getting More Help**

- CORE CAMHS
- Eating Disorders Team
- Neuro-Developmental Team
- Children Looked After Team





### **Thrive Model for Interventions**

1. Getting Advice	2. Getting Help	3. Getting More Help	4. Risk Support
Drop ins	Group and 1:1 guided self-	Liaison /joint work with	Safety planning and risk
Consultations	help	specialist CAMHS	management
Mankahana	Consultation and joint	Ongoing therapeutic work	Multi-agency meetings
Workshops	planning with school staff	where appropriate	Support for staff and carers in managing
Universal Groups		Attendance at care	ongoing risk
) Whole class work		planning/review meetings	Signposting to crisis
			services
Assemblies			Stepping up to specialist
Psycho education/Self-			services
help resources			
Signposting			
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#### **Autism Assessment Pathway**



- In addition to the mental health support we provide, we also hold the Autism assessment Pathway (AAP) for those who are aged over 13 and live in Bedfordshire and Luton.
- We accept both self and professional referrals into this pathway.
- We also accept a large number of internal referrals from young people who are undiagnosed autistic and are accessing CAMHS services.
- We are a neuro-affirming pathway and hold collaboration and listening to the lived experience of the young people that we work with to develop all of our interventions.
- We offer a developing range of group interventions to improve the links that are young people share with others who are waiting on the pathway.
- We also offer a number of post diagnostic online interventions for both the young people who have progressed through our pathway or are receiving a service from another CAMHS team for all autistic individuals and their families.











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