**Consultant connect within the adult mental health pathway for medication advice**

Following feedback from and discussion with GPs, Northumberland CCG has commissioned an initial pilot for Consultant Connect within the **adult mental health pathway for medication advice**. We have up to four Psychiatrists and one non medical prescriber on rota for this advice line on weekdays **9-5 p.m.**

In addition we intend to provide a general advice and guidance line within the adult mental health pathway in the near future.

The aim of the Medication advice line is for GPs to receive a swift response in relation to service users not currently open to NTW. The outcome of this advice may prevent a referral being sent into NTW. However if the presentation is considered too complex to provide medication advice on the phone by the NTW prescriber, the likely advice will be to make a referral to NTW which will be triaged as usual followed by a response in writing.

The medication advice line was launched on the 25th February and can be accessed over your existing dial-in number or through the app.

This is currently only for Northumberland GPs.