

Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (North East and North Cumbria)

Information for referrers

Who are we?

The Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (North east and North Cumbria) is a joint partnership between Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

The service will support the national ambition to reduce numbers of inpatient admissions and lengths of stay; reduce variations in service availability and access and improve the experience of patients, families and carers using mental health services.

What the service offers ?

The service delivers forensic consultation, assessment and in some instances specialist intervention and treatment across the area to young people up to the age of 18 years with both forensic mental health and complex non-forensic mental health need.

The team is available to agencies who have contact with young people in the youth justice system or whose behaviour is such that it requires support from a forensic specialist service. The specialist service supports young people up to the age of 18 years with or without criminal conviction across a range of settings.

The service is open to young people who:

- are under 18 years at the time of referral
- have or are suspected of having a mental disorder (including neurodevelopmental disorder)
- are deemed to have high forensic needs and/or present high forensic risks
- are deemed to require inputs by a specialist service in a multiagency context
- present high risk of harm to others and there is major family or professional concern
- are in contact with the Youth Justice System
- require an appropriate secure setting
- are currently residing in a secure setting

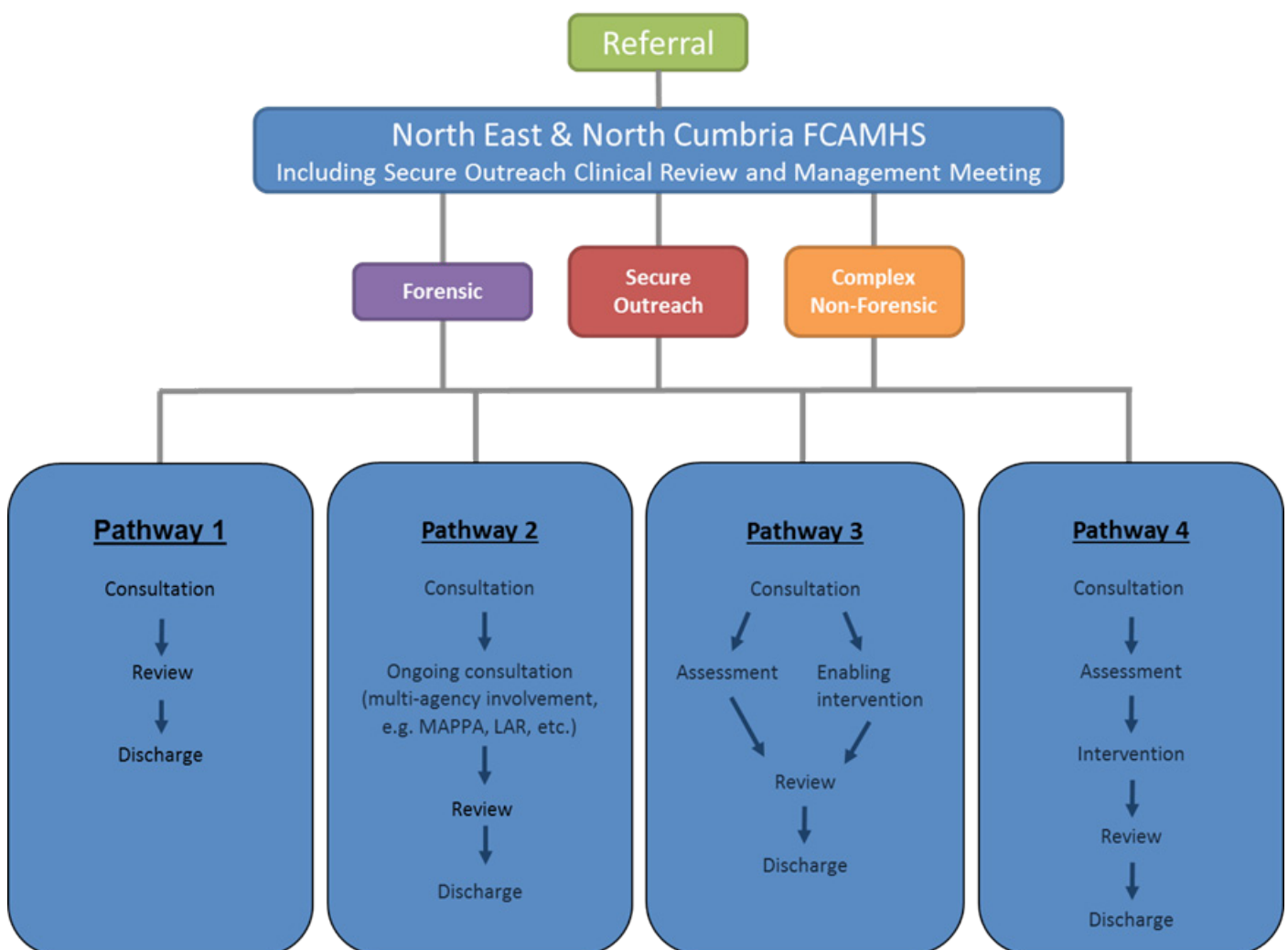
The service is community based and will work with young people and their professional group to support transitions both into and out of secure care (hospital settings, secure welfare environments and custodial settings).

Who can refer?

Referrals are accepted from any agency / professional working with a young person who has concerns in relation to high forensic or non forensic need, multi-agency complex needs or young people transitioning in or out of secure services.

It is essential that a care coordinator / lead professional is identified who will retain overall responsibility for the case throughout the involvement of Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

What you can expect from us?



How to make a referral?

If you would like to make a referral please contact us by emailing NTAWNT.FCAMHS@NHS.NET

Referral forms can be accessed online at ntw.nhs.uk/FCAMHS

We are happy to accept telephone enquiries prior to making a referral.

Contact details

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