

H&F LAC CAMHS – West London Mental Health Trust –

Hours of operation: 9am – 5pm Weekdays

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This small multi-disciplinary team which is co-located with Social Care operates to a model of assessment and therapeutic input to looked after children who are identified as vulnerable, experiencing emotional distress and/or mental ill health. The service works all ages of children and young people up to age of 21 who are from the borough of Hammersmith & Fulham. This might mean in some cases a 'step up and step down' support for children requiring specialist CAMHS. With those young people who are above 18 and who present with serious mental health problems such as clinical depression, bipolar disorder and developing psychosis, case management is then held by Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS).

In conjunction with the professional network LAC CAMHS plays a significant role in protecting placement stability and helping children through stages of transition. The team also has a role in providing care co-ordination, oversight, and review of those looked after children who require services from out of borough/independent CAMHS.

Current LAC CAMH team composition:

- Highly Specialist Systemic Family Psychotherapist – 8 sessions
- Highly Specialist Systemic Family Psychotherapist – 3 sessions
- Specialist Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist – 4 sessions (increasing to 7 sessions in Jan 2019)

The Referral pathway is made via the Looked After Child's Social Worker.

West London Mental Health Trust CAMHS out-of-hours liaison service –

Hours of operation: 4.30pm – 9am Weekdays. 24 hours weekends and bank holidays.

Contact information: 0300 1234 244

It also provides telephone consultation to concerned professionals with Hammersmith & Fulham, Hounslow and Ealing boroughs who work with children up to age of 18 who may have mental health concerns.

It is also an out-of-hours emergency service (0 up to their 16th birthday) which ensures that children and young people are first assessed by a trained and qualified CAMHS professional when presenting with mental health concerns. For 16 and 17 year olds plus, the adult psychiatric liaison service is in place.

Tri-borough LAC Out of Area Protocol for CAMHS Provision

15 June 2016. A Caulder

*An unknown child may present at any of these marked points

