**Escalation pathway for Nottingham City/Nottinghamshire CYP (excluding Bassetlaw) placed out of area – CAMHS assessment/support**

This pathway has been written to aid the access of services externally for our children & young people (CYP) placed out of area requiring support for their emotional health and gives guidance to social workers on how to escalate if the support is not available.

Statutory guidance (2015) states;

* Looked-after children should never be refused a service, including for mental health, on the grounds of their placement being short-term or unplanned
* Local authorities, CCGs, NHS England and Public Health England must cooperate to commission health services for all children in their area
* If a looked-after child or child leaving care moves out of the CCG area, arrangements should be made through discussion between the “originating CCG”, those currently providing the child’s healthcare and the new providers to ensure continuity of healthcare. CCGs should ensure that any changes in healthcare providers do not disrupt the objective of providing high quality, timely care for the child

**If the CYP is already open to Nottingham/Nottinghamshire LAC CAMHS service** – all care should be transferred across to the new providerin the external area. This should be planned as early as possible.

**If the CYP is not open to Nottingham/Nottinghamshire LAC CAMHS service** – the current LAC CAMHS teams are not commissioned to provide support and advice but will do so on an ad hoc basis if they know the CYP. It is advised that the Social worker (SW) makes the referral to the external CAMHS service and is not reliant on the GP or other professionals.

**Escalation**

If escalation is required, this must go from the Social worker via their Team Manager (TM) and Children’s Service Manager (CSM). SW should not escalate directly to the Designated Nurse for Looked after Children (DN LAC)/Commissioners as it will be returned and requested, they follow the pathway. The CSM will communicate directly with the DN LAC and Commissioner.

**Letter A – letter template**



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CAMHS assessment/support is identified

SW to clarify what support is available in the current placement and what support is required.

Referral made by SW to CAMHS by locally agreed referral process (usually via a single point of access-SPA) and advice that for external area Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG will fund (as per “Who Pays? Responsible Commissioner guidance”) – **see letter A**

**At any point if the SW is concerned for a CYP’s immediate emotional health (including self-harming) CAMHS should not refused an assessment. If a referral is refused the SW to immediately escalate to the TM. Response to CAMHS should include “*there should not be a funding issues because the YP needs an assessment/response in relation to their mental health, which is the responsibility of your trust because they* *reside in your area. This is not a request for therapy”***

**SW should consider whether a crisis referral/ A&E are required.**

If no outcome/response received within 14 days SW follow up

**Referral accepted Referral not accepted**

If CYP does not meet thresholds for external CAMHS assessment/support SW to source alternative provision asking external CAMHS to signpost to this.

SW must establish the reason for the referral being declined (including clarifying the referral criteria from the external CAMHS service) and discuss with TM within 5 working days.

The SW to confirm funding arrangement with external CAMHS service.

Invoices to be sent to;

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| NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG |
| 52R Payables M715 |
| Phoenix House |
| Topcliffe Lane |
| Tingley |
| Wakefield |
| WF3 1WE |

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If the CAMHS referral is adequate and thresholds for the service are met the TM to escalate to CSM within 5 working days.

SW to inform the Name Nurse for CIC (Nursing team) to ensure CYP health records remain accurate and contemporaneous.

FAO Nancy O Neill (City/South County) & Ailsa Burrill (Mid County) at [nottscic@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:nottscic@nottshc.nhs.uk)

Once local support has been identified by SW and agreed by Commissioners SW to complete ‘Non-core commissioned service funding request form’. SW should seek guidance from CAMHS LAC team as to the appropriateness of support being considered.

Completed form to be sent to ICH Commissioners Katharine Browne and Nichola Reed

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If inadequate referral TM to support SW with strengthening the referral and re refer within 7 working days.

DN LAC to liaise with external DN LAC to escalate concerns raised and initiate conversations around what services are available. This discussion will include all professionals (local and external) and may require a professionals meeting led by social care.

CSM escalation to DN LAC [nncccg.nottinghamcityandcountyccgslac@nhs.net](mailto:nncccg.nottinghamcityandcountyccgslac@nhs.net) and ICH Commissioners Katharine Browne ([Katharine.browne@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:Katharine.browne@nottscc.gov.uk)) and Nichola Reed ([Nichola.reed@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:Nichola.reed@nottscc.gov.uk) if;

* No service identified for OLAC
* No capacity to see our CYP
* Disputes around funding

Agreement will be made as to what provision will be provided/funding to support the emotional health of the CYP.

Completed ‘Non-core commissioned service funding request form’ to be sent to ICH Commissioners Katharine Browne and Nichola Reed.