

Information for professionals referring into the REACH team at Wakefield CAMHS (previously CAMHS crisis team)

In January 2020, the service provided by the Wakefield CAMHS crisis team expanded.

Our extended service now focuses on providing responsive support for children and adolescents in the place where it is needed; including home-based and community treatments and interventions.

The expansion of our services saw changes to how our service operates, including:

Changes to our team name

The previous name of 'CAMHS crisis' no longer reflects how we work. After working with local young people and our newly expanded team, it was decided that responsive adolescent and children's home-based treatment team, or REACH team for short, was a more appropriate name which reflected our service offer.

Changes to our operating hours

We are now operating seven days a week and for longer hours; delivering services between 9am - 8pm every day.

Changes to how we work

We've made changes to help people access our services easier after recognising that the main access route was through A&E; which is often not the most appropriate place for children and young people.

We want to change this to improve the relationships and experience for children, young people and their families, and also our partners.

Our service now offers:

- Triage and signposting
- Flexible support including home-based and community treatments
- Consultation, care planning and risk assessment
- Multi-disciplinary team working and formulation
- Responsive assessment – which is needs-led
- Treatment and therapeutic interventions
- Support to access inpatient CAMHS treatment or transition back to the community.

All of these changes will take effect from January 2020.

Our mission

We want to ensure that children, young people, their families and carers have hope and are supported in their recovery, and our mission is to:

Work with children and adolescents, families and partners to provide a mental health response service. This includes intensive home-based treatment and therapeutic interventions based on a child or young person's assessed needs.

Contact information for the REACH team

You can contact the REACH team between 9am – 8pm, seven days a week.

To refer or get in touch with the team, please contact Single Point of Access (SPA) Wakefield on 01977 735865.

If you need support outside of these hours, please contact the relevant GP practice (this will be directed to the GP out-of-hours service), NHS 111 or A&E if this is an emergency.