

Children in Care Mental Health (Berkshire West) service video transcript

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We are the CAMHS children in care service. We are a multi-disciplinary team which includes mental

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health practitioners, mental health nurses, occupational therapists, speech and language

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therapists, neurodiversity specialists, social workers and systemic family therapists. The team

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collaborates closely with other professionals and the adults supporting those in the care of

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a Berkshire local authority. working with them to provide an understanding of and equip them

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to respond to emotional and behavioural needs of young people who are in care. We do this by

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building positive collaborative relationships with other professionals and networks. We offer advice,

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help, and training. And if necessary, we

will carry out assessments with children,

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young people, and their carers. We also support unaccompanied asylum seekers who are under 18

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and children cared for on a special guardianship order known as an SGO. However, we are not set up

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to support children with learning disabilities.

If a child is placed out of Berkshire,

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we work remotely to support social care and help connect them with local services. If appropriate,

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after we receive a referral, we have an initial consultation to gain a better understanding of

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the child's needs, covering their background, current situation, education, social care,

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mental and physical health, offending behaviour, and any risks. Just to note and avoid confusion,

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we are not the same as a physical health children in care service. They look after physical health

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assessments for all children and young people in care. We support young people with problems

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related to mental health and support from us
must be requested by a social worker. You can

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find more information about the CAMHS children in
care service and what we offer on our web page.