

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (CSA) HUB SERVICE FOR SOUTH WEST LONDON

Information Newsletter for Referrers

The CSA Hub will provide medical and emotional support for all survivors of CSA or CSE in the boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth.

The service will launch in December 2016.

In this newsletter you will find an introduction to the service and how to refer.

Introduction

The CSA Hub in South West London will provide medical and emotional support services for all survivors of CSA or CSE in the boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth. The 6 CCGs have funded a two-year pilot to establish an early intervention emotional support service linked to the existing CSA medical services at Croydon University Hospital and St George's Hospital. The service will be made up of 2 NSPCC Children's Services Practitioners and will offer practical support and advice, case management, and up to six sessions of assessment, emotional support, and onward referral to appropriate services where needed.

For those children and young people seen for medical examination at other CSA clinics, a tailored referral route into the NSPCC service has been established via the relevant Designated Doctor.

Why is a CSA Hub needed?

In 2014 to 2015, a comprehensive review of service provision for children and adolescents living in London and who have experienced sexual abuse or exploitation was conducted. The review found that children and young people living in London experience varied access to medical, emotional and police support after sexual abuse. There is currently no clear pathway for CSA/CSE services across the sector, leaving children and families to navigate the system alone. The review found that the medical services in the South West sector of London are good but in need of some improvement to meet the RCPCH guidelines, and that there is varied access to emotional support and mental health services. The review found a lack of joined-up approach for families which prevents access.

The CSA Hub will offer the following services:

Medical examination and documentation of injuries for children and adolescents who have experienced sexual assault or abuse

Pre-existing

Comprehensive follow up after-care for children and adolescents, including medical care (including STI screening and medical follow up) and early emotional support.

Expansion of provision

The CSA Hub will provide two specialist Children's Services Practitioners for children, young people and their families, enabling early access to emotional and practical support, tailored care-coordination, advocacy, information and advice in order to promote and support recovery

The service will offer approximately 6 sessions to the child or young person and their family in order to support them through the initial difficult stages following a disclosure. During the sessions the worker, together with the child and family, will make an assessment of their needs, which will then inform the focus of the support sessions. In addition, an assessment of longer term therapeutic need will be completed which will facilitate onward referral to appropriate services.

Where children and adolescents present with needs beyond the remit of the CSA Hub Emotional Support Service, it aims to support their onward referral to appropriate services via a specialist assessment of therapeutic need and established referral pathways.

New provision

Please note: Whilst some boroughs are currently not accessing their medicals via the CSA hub, ALL will be able to access the NSPCC emotional and practical support

Who will CSA Hub see?

The CSA Hub will see all children and young people living in the South West London boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth who have experienced sexual abuse or exploitation.

How can I contact or refer to the service?

Children's social care can refer into the South West London CSA Hub via the established referral routes for medical examination in each borough. Contact details can also be used to invite paediatricians to join strategy discussions.

CROYDON

Designated Dr Shade Alu
Telephone the safeguarding secretary on 02082746373 to refer children for CSA medical examination at Saffron Suite, Croydon University Hospital

KINGSTON

Designated Dr Nader Elgharably
Telephone the CP Admin Coordinator on 0208 934 3400. The CP Coordinator will take referral forward through SPA. The case will be referred through the SPA to either the CSA clinic at St George's Hospital or University College Hospital.

MERTON

Designated Dr Benedicta Ogeah
Contact CP Co-ordinator on 0208 296 4854 to receive referral form for CSA medical. CSA medical will be provided by CYP Havens.

Email: est-

tr.safeguardingchildrenqmhc@nhs.net

RICHMOND

Designated Dr Claire Scott
Telephone 0208 891 8188. Referral will then be made for CSA medical examination at University College Hospital.

SUTTON

Designated Dr Benedicta Ogeah
Refer as above for Merton.

WANDSWORTH

Designated Dr Peter Green
Telephone 020 8725 2917 to make referral to CP clinic at St George's Hospital.

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