

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust's Kingston & Richmond Child and Adolescent Mental Health Referrals Pathway

<p>Summary</p>	<p>Following a series of high-level stakeholder meetings and 'Task and Finish' group sessions involving leads from South West London and St George's (SWLStG), local commissioners and leads from provider Achieving for Children leads (AFC), a decision has been made to change the current Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) referral pathway.</p> <p>The objective of this change is to facilitate direct access to CAMHS and enable a smoother referral process for children & young people.</p> <p>The current CAMHS referral pathway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Referrers (GPs/Schools etc) to complete an online referral form which is initially received and screened by the AFC Children's Services 'Single Point of Access' (SPA). • The AFC SPA provides a single-entry point for all referrals to children's services including secondary mental health services. • The AFC SPA then reviews referrals. Any referrals specifically requesting CAMHS support are forwarded onto a separate SWLStG NHS Trust CAMHS SPA, which then screens the referral for appropriate CAMHS support. <p>The proposed change to the SPA pathway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduces a system of direct referral to the SWLStG NHS Trust CAMHS SPA. • The Trust will maintain close links with AFC's SPA to facilitate good lines of communication about shared cases. • Co-location will continue: the Trust CAMHS SPA will continue to have a presence with the Children's Services within AFC and will link up about shared case concerns to ensure a joined-up approach. • The Trust CAMHS SPA will continue to form part of the wider Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
<p>Direct referral system</p>	<p>From Friday 1 April 2022 GPs will be able to make referrals to the Trust service via an Electronic Referral System (eRS) which will be embedded into GP practice database systems. There is a GP CAMHS Referral form which has been uploaded to all Kingston & Richmond GP electronic systems. This should be completed and submitted via eRS.</p> <p>For non-GP professionals' services (including Schools, Social Care and other health professionals) and Parent/Self referrals, the Trust CAMHS SPA leads have developed a downloadable word referral form which can be accessed at https://www.swlstg.nhs.uk/our-services/find-a-service/service/kingston-camhs-spa. This referral form will be available for all non-GP referrers from Monday 2nd May 2022.</p>

	<p>The completed referral form can then be submitted directly via secure email to the Kingston and Richmond CAMHS SPA referral inbox: krcamhsreferrals@swlstg.nhs.uk</p> <p>For queries about potential referrals, you can continue to contact the CAMHS SPA via their admin email: camhsspaadmin@swlstg.nhs.uk or calling: 020 8547 6171 (9-5 Monday to Friday – please note this number is manned by CAMHS SPA admin, and a clinician may not be available at all times)</p>
<p>Who is the service for?</p>	<p>The SWLStG NHS Trust CAMHS SPA service screens referral for children / young people under the age of 18 who either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Or live in Richmond or a have Richmond GP • Live in Kingston or a have Kingston GP <p>The CAMHS SPA team screen all referrals to ensure that the child/young person is directed to the most appropriate service, including completing telephone screenings with the family and/or relevant professionals, or Face-to-Face assessments as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>We cannot offer assessments for all referrals, so request that referrers please complete all referral questions on the form, including demographics and risk details.</p> <p>The referral may be accepted to one of the South West London & St George's Mental Health Trust Tier 3 CAMHS services, or for the Emotional Health Service (Tier 2 CAMHS Services) within Achieving for Children. We also accept referrals on behalf of local youth counselling services and may signpost young people and their families to other local support services and resources.</p> <p>For more information see: https://www.swlstg.nhs.uk/our-services/find-a-service/service/kingston-camhs-spa</p>
<p>Action for partners</p>	<p>As of Friday, 1 April 2022, all GPs will be encouraged to utilise the Electronic Referral Service (e-RS) to send their referrals into the Trust's CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPA) Service.</p> <p>This means GPs across South West London will be required to utilise e-RS for all first outpatient referrals coming into the Trust</p> <p>Other professionals' referral to the CAMHS SPA service will need to be made via the downloadable referral form which should be emailed to the CAMHS SPA directly (see above).</p> <p>There will be a 3-month transition period to facilitate the introduction of the new referral pathway. Within this time the AfC SPA will still be able to receive and forward CAMHS referrals which will be passed onto the Trust CAMHS SPA for review.</p> <p>As of Friday 1st July 2022, Achieving for Children's SPA will no longer accept CAMHS referrals and any CAMHS referrals made to them will be rejected. Referrers will then be signposted to re-refer directly to the Trust CAMHS SPA.</p>