

Hendon Magistrates Court and Police Liaison Service

We are a mental health service based in Hendon magistrate's court. We also provide a service in Wembley, Harrow and Colindale (Barnet) police stations. Our team is made up of nurses, doctors, a social worker, community link workers as well as our manager and administrator.

The role of our service is to assess adults with mental health issues and to screen young people for all vulnerabilities. Following our assessment or screening we aim to ensure that all individuals receive the best and most appropriate care available to them. We hope also to ensure as efficient progress as possible for that individual through the criminal justice, health and social care services.

We receive referrals for our service from a wide variety of sources which include court staff, lawyers, probation services, prison healthcare staff, police officers and community healthcare staff. We also have access to local electronic mental healthcare records and to electronic police custody records.

We can provide mental health reports to support the needs of individuals and we can refer on to local or national services. We can provide information and contacts to assist providers with care planning for individuals who we have seen. We are happy to discuss cases individually in order to establish relationships and clarify any queries.

At present we work between 9am and 5pm from Monday until Friday. As our service expands we will offer a service between 8am and 8pm from Monday until Saturday.

What you can expect from our service:

- 1) information sharing between services
- 2) referrals to your service from our team from police stations or court
- 3) arrangements of Mental Health Act assessments for individuals seen in police custody or in court
- 4) we can offer short term support in the community to enable individuals to establish themselves with longer term services
- 5) we are a liaison service and so do not carry caseloads although we keep records of individuals seen by our service.