

BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - DEVELOPMENT OF AN EMOTIONAL, HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE FOR OUR CHILDREN THROUGH MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP WORKING



The children and families division in the trust hosts a range of specialist services providing support in a holistic manner. This has been strengthened by the introduction of an Integrated Emotional Health and Wellbeing Manager to ensure the attention to emotional and mental health would not only be championed but “threaded through” the division and our council partners.

The post holder has a senior management role over the CAMHS service which is integral to ensuring that children and young people receive the expertise from CAMHs when they need it, whilst wider services are available as an alternative to CAMHs to support children with more common wellbeing concerns.

There has been an overwhelming positive response to this post within the trust and within Blackpool Council. This has ranged from general EHWP contributions, to service development, and specific targeted work to directly enhance the emotional health and wellbeing offer.

It has provided the trust and the council with an embedded mental / emotional health driver and a point of reference for consultation and action.

Key areas of work

- Promoting joint working and collaboration across health and social care.
- Enhancing “Think Family” services to add value to the direct work with children.
- Networking, service development- specific posts or enhancing care.
- Senior role in CAMHS retaining the operational awareness and responsibility.
- Ensuring focus and influencing key drivers Transformational plan and future in mind (DOH 2015)

