This module has described why a specific adolescent forensic service separate from CAMHS or Forensic Mental Health Services is useful – Adolescent Forensic Mental Health services provide a developmentally informed service with expertise across forensic behaviours and agencies.

There are now six NHS medium secure adolescent forensic units and several independent sector providers, providing medium secure services for mentally disordered young offenders who are detained under the Mental Health Act, 1983.

Community Adolescent Forensic Teams are scattered throughout Scotland, England and Wales but the only statutory responsibility for CAMHS provision is one CAMHS worker in each Youth Offending Teams (YOTs).

A thorough adolescent forensic assessment includes a structured clinical risk assessment tool, such as the SAVRY.

Treatment in a medium secure unit focuses on all areas of the young person’s functioning, aiming to enhance strengths and reduce risks.

**Reflection questions**

(1.4) Think about why a young person, who has committed an offence and may have mental health difficulties:
   a) needs a forensic mental health service specifically for adolescents
   b) needs an adolescent service with a knowledge of forensic psychiatry and the criminal justice system.

(3.10) What do you think are the key points to make in a referral to an adolescent forensic team?

(4.2) What types of risk are there to patients? What different methods are there of assessing risk? Do you know of any standardised risk assessment tools that can be used in young people?

(5.7) Which clinical psychiatric disorders do you think are seen in the young people presenting to adolescent forensic teams? Which treatments do you think have been shown to be effective in treating them?

(5.12) What specific behaviour profiles (both psychiatric and offence related) do you think are seen in the young people presenting to adolescent forensic teams? What treatments do you think have been shown to be effective in treating them?

(5.20) What other types of intervention or help are important for young people to re-establish themselves in society?
Contact details – National adolescent medium secure units in England

**Ardenleigh Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Birmingham**
Ardenleigh FC&AMHS  
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Trust  
Unit 1, B1  
50 Summer Hill Road  
Birmingham  
B1 3RB  
Tel: 0121 678 2000 (trust switchboard)  
20 beds

**Bill Yule Unit, South London**
Bill Yule Unit  
South London and Maudsley NHS Trust  
Bethlem Royal Hospital  
Monks Orchard Road  
Beckenham  
Kent  
BR3 3BX  
Tel: 020 3228 4652  
10 beds

**Bluebird House, Hampshire**
Bluebird House  
Tatchbury Mount  
Calmore  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO40 2RZ  
Tel: 023 8087 4300 (Trust switchboard)  
20 beds

**Gardener Unit, Manchester**
Gardener Unit  
Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health Trust  
Bury New Road  
Prestwich  
Manchester  
M25 3BL  
Tel: 0161 772 3425/6  
10 beds

**Roycroft Unit, Newcastle**
Roycroft Unit  
Newcastle, North Tyneside & Northumberland Mental Health Trust  
1st Floor  
St Nicholas House  
St Nicholas Hospital  
Jubilee Road  
Newcastle  
NE3 3XT  
Tel: 0191 223 2226  
Lead for Service, Consultant Psychiatrist: Dr Parag Shah  
Senior Manager: Nessa Shell  
18 beds
Wells Unit, West London
Wells Unit
South West House
West London Mental Health Trust
Uxbridge Road
UB1 3EU
Tel: 020 8483 8224 / 2070
Fax: 020 8483 2246
sukhwinder.dhillon@wlmht.nhs.uk
10 beds

There are no specialist units in Scotland, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland.

Contact details – Community Adolescent Forensic Teams

Bristol, Community Adolescent Forensic Team – assessment and intervention locally

Bristol United NHS Trust
Marlborough Street
Bristol BS13NU
Tel: 0117 928 5466

Glasgow Forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – assessment and intervention locally, advice for CAMHS in Scotland

136 Stanley Street
Kinning Park
Glasgow
G41 1JH
Tel: 0141 276 3835
Lead clinician: Dr John Marshall (Consultant Psychologist)

Lewisham ARTService (CAMHS) – assessment and intervention locally

23 Mercia Grove
London SE13 6BJ
Tel: 0208 314 9742
Fax: 0208 314 3462
Consultant: Dr Phil Collins

Manchester FACTS team – assessments & interventions nationally

FACTS team
Bolton, Salford and Trafford Mental Health Trust
Bury New Road
Prestwich
Manchester
M25 3BL
Tel: 0161 772 3601
Newcastle Adolescent Forensic Services – assessment and intervention for Northern England

St Nicholas Hospital
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3XT
Tel: 0191 213 0151

North Wales Forensic Adolescent Consultation and Treatment Service

FACTS Team
Hafod Newydd
Glanrhyd Hospital
Tondu Road
Bridgend
CF31 4LN
Tel: 01656 674954
Consultant: Dr Julie Withecomb
Clinical Nurse Specialist: Tracey-Lee Davies
Administrator: Claire Cotterell (Claire.Cotterell@wales.nhs.uk)

Sheffield Forensic CAMHS Service – assessment and intervention locally

Sheffield Children’s NHS Trust
7 St Peter’s Close
Sheffield
South Yorkshire
S1 2EJ
Tel: 0114 2260660 (Dr Vaidya)
Girish.vaidya@sch.nhs.uk (lead psychologist) James.lang@sch.nhs.uk (consultant)

Stockton on Tees Adolescent Forensic Service – assessment and intervention locally

Adolescent Forensic Out-patient Service
Lancaster House
Falcon Court
Westland Way
Preston Farm Industrial Estate
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 3TS
Tel: 01642 853555
Fax: 01642 853556
Consultant: Dr Surya Bhate

Oxfordshire Child and Adolescent Forensic Mental Health Service – assessment and intervention local counties

The Warneford Hospital
Warneford Lane
Headington
Oxford
OX3 7JX
Tel: 01865 226309
Consultant: Dr Nick Hindley
South London and Maudley NHS Trust – assessment nationally

Forensic Service for Young People
Michael Rutter Centre for Children and Adolescents
Maudsley Hospital
Denmark Hill
London SE5 8AZ
Tel: 020 3228 3841
Fax: 020 3228 5011
Consultant: Dr Peter Misch

West London Mental Health Trust – assessment across London and South East England

Adolescent Forensic Community Service
South West House
West London Mental Health Trust
Uxbridge Road
UB1 3EU
Tel: 020 8483 8224 / 2070
Fax: 020 8483 2246
Consultants: Dr Alexandra Lewis, Dr Claire Dimond, Dr Sharon Davies
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There are currently no specialist community services in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Those in Northern Ireland usually request an assessment from the FACTS team in Manchester

References


Further reading


ERASOR: www.forensicare.org/images/ERASOR2.0.pdf

PCL-YV: www.hare.org/scales/pclyv.html

AIM Project: www.aimproject.org.uk