

CAMHS Phoenix School

Admissions Statement



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2	May 2024	Change of wording from unit to school.
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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Explain admissions arrangements for CAMHS Phoenix School

2. Admission Statement

Admission to CAMHS Phoenix School is linked to admission to the CAMHS Phoenix Unit. The CAMHS Phoenix Unit is a tier 4 unit for young people between 11 and 18 years of age. The patients have severe and enduring mental health illnesses, for example eating disorders, psychosis, suicidal ideation and emotional dysregulation.

Admission to the unit is via a referral from an NHS team. The medical team at CAMHS Phoenix consider the referral, assess the patient and offer a place where appropriate. The education team do not have any involvement in admissions. The young person has to consent to admission. Admission is voluntary and at anytime the young person can choose to end their stay.

When a young person is admitted to CAMHS Phoenix Unit they are automatically registered with CAMHS Phoenix School. The young person is dual registered with their home school as the main provider and CAMHS Phoenix School as a subsidiary. An admission has an average length of 12 to 16 weeks, i.e. it is a temporary placement.

An admission lasts for as long as the young person is admitted to the unit. The decision about discharge is made by the medical team. The young person is removed from our roll as soon as they are discharged. On occasion a young person is readmitted to CAMHS Phoenix Unit; in this case all processes for admission are completed and the young person is re-registered with the school.

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