

Forensic Outreach Liaison Service (FOLS)

for learning disability
and/or autism



What is FOLS LD/A?



The forensic outreach liaison service for learning disability and/or autism (FOLS LD/A) supports people aged 18 years and above who:

- Have a learning disability and/or autism
- Are at risk of or have come in to contact with the criminal justice system
- Are currently detained in a secure hospital
- Are nearing the end of a prison sentence

FOLS LD/A also works with young people in transition from children's services to adult services.

FOLS LD/A works with a range of NHS, social care and criminal justice agencies to support individuals who display offending behaviour in the community. The team works to safely managing risk and avoid contact with the criminal justice system or admission to secure hospitals where possible.

FOLS LD/A covers West Yorkshire and Barnsley and can support people who are not currently in but will be returning to the area.

The service consists of a variety of professionals including psychology, psychiatry, nursing, occupational therapy and social work. Team members have experience and knowledge covering learning disability, the criminal justice system, people displaying high risk and concerning behaviour, mental health and autism. Referrals will be allocated to clinicians who can best meet the needs of the individual.

Who can refer?



We accept referrals from all professionals working with people within the West Yorkshire and Barnsley area. We accept referrals from a range of sources including:

- Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS)
- Community learning disability and mental health teams
- Secure hospitals/locked rehabilitation units
- Acute hospitals/PICU
- Residential/supported living placements
- Social care
- Forensic/child and adolescent mental health services
- Carers/family members
- Self-referrals

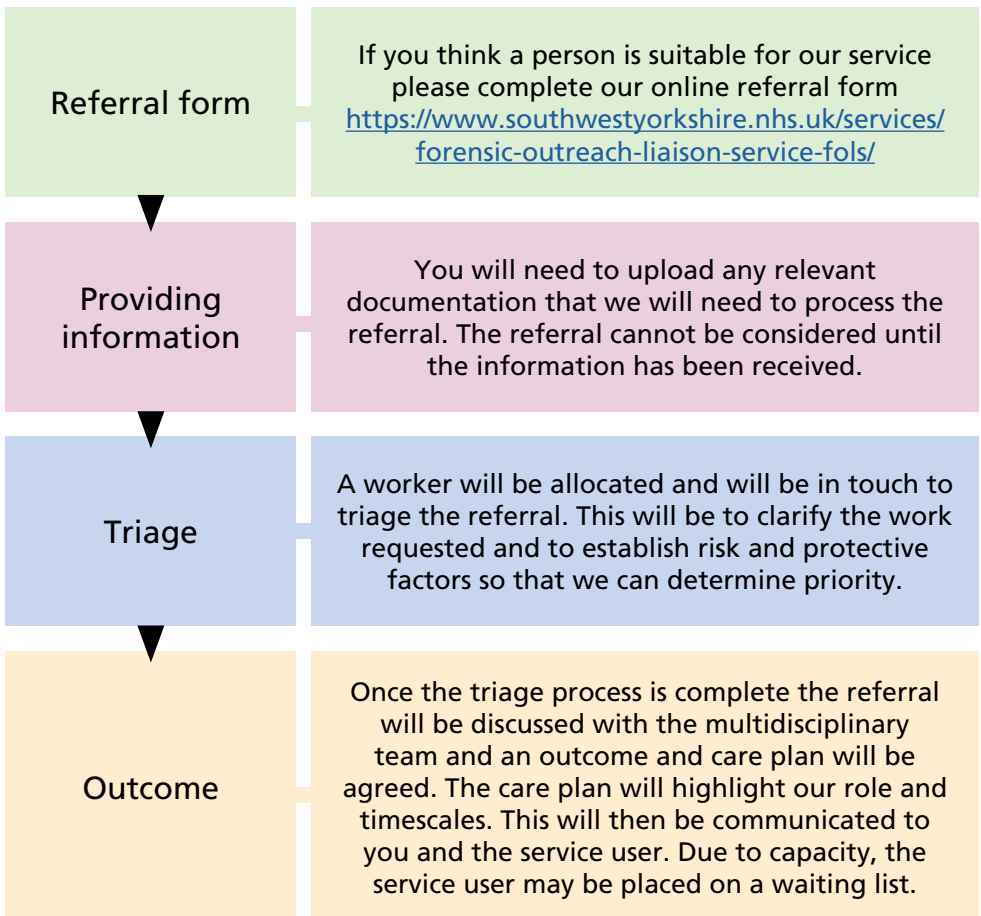
What do we do?



We provide 6 core functions:

1. Forensic risk assessment and management
 - » For example, HCR-20 and RSVP risk assessments
2. Offence specific interventions
3. Case management for those with the most complex needs and/or limited additional support
4. Support and training to providers of day-to-day support in the community
5. Consultation and advice
6. In reach support to support discharge from hospital or release from custody

Our referral process – what can you expect?



FOLS input is guided by the 6 core functions and all support offered and provided will be relevant to an individual's forensic risk.

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How to make a referral:

Visit www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/fols
and complete the referral form

For general enquiries:

Call 01924 316112

Email swy-tr.teamfols@nhs.net

If you require a copy of this information in any other format or language please contact your healthcare worker at the Trust.