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**Forensic Outreach
Liaison Service -
Learning
Disability/Autism**

FOLS LDA

With **all of us** in mind.

Where have FOLS come from?

The Winterbourne Scandal in 2011 sparked a review of care across all learning disability services.

In response, the Department of Health established the 'Transforming Care' programme to reform the care that individuals with a learning disability and autism receive by attempting to reduce the number of individuals in inpatient hospitals.

In addition, under the Transforming Care agenda, NHS England and other agencies published the 'Building the Right Support' national plan.



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What is FOLS?

The Forensic Outreach Liaison Service (FOLS) is a community based team with the primary objective of keeping individuals out of secure hospital and prison and reducing their risk of contact with the criminal justice system.

FOLS support men and women aged 18 and above who have a learning disability and/or autism that have come into contact with the criminal justice system/a secure hospital or are at risk of doing so.

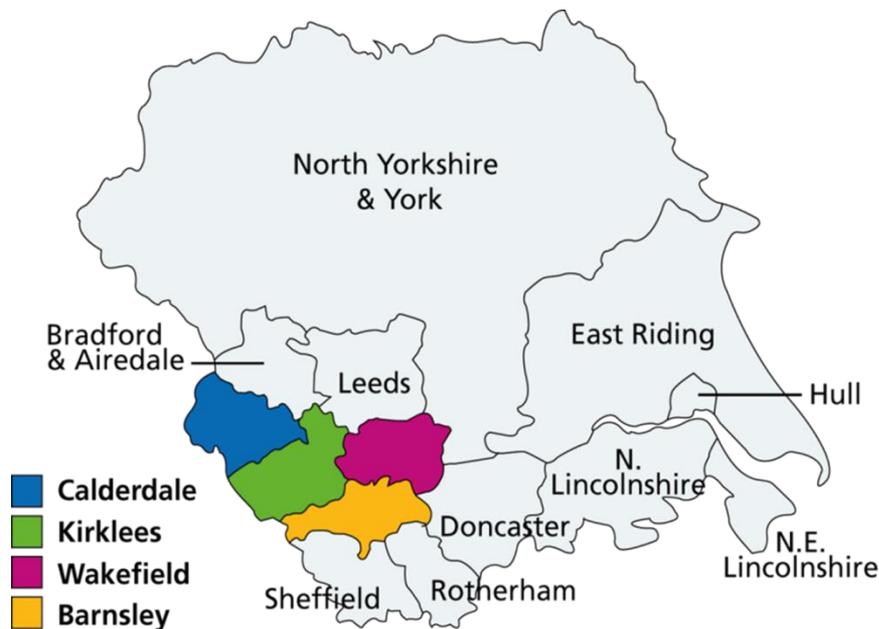
FOLS work with and along side other agencies and services involved in an individuals care. This may be Local Community Learning Disability Teams, including Intensive Support Teams, and Mental Health Teams. It may include Probation Services and Adult Social Care Teams.

FOLS role differ case by case. We can provide consultation and advice, as well as taking a more direct role including risk assessment and intervention. Our input is tailored to the need of the individual.

Where is FOLS?

Across Yorkshire and the Humber 3 FOLS teams have been established across 3 NHS trusts

- The South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) FOLS based in Wakefield and also covering Leeds and York Partnership Foundation NHS Trust (LYPFT) and Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust (BDCFT)
- The Humber NHS Foundation Trust FOLS based in Hull
- The Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust (RDaSH) FOLS based in Doncaster



Where do we cover?

- Leeds
- Calderdale
- Kirklees
- Wakefield
- Barnsley
- Bradford

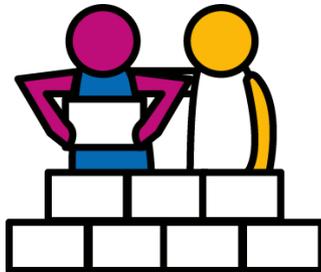
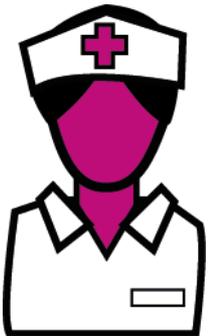
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Meet the team...

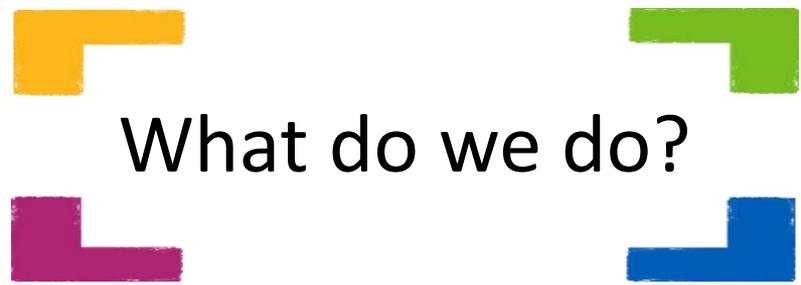
Here at SWYPFT our FOLS team consists of a variety of multi-disciplinary professionals from:

- Psychology
- Nursing
- Psychiatry
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Therapy

Each professional has a range of specialist expertise in working with individuals with a learning disability and/or autism, displaying high risk of concerning/offending behaviours as well as an expertise within the forensic/criminal justice system.



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What do we do?

Guided by the 'Transforming Care; National Service Model', FOLS offer 6 core functions:

1. Forensic risk assessment and management
 - The team is trained a variety of Structured Professional Judgement risk assessment tools that can be used collaboratively with the service user, partner agencies and families (where possible).
 - EG. HCR-20, RSVP
2. Offence specific interventions
 - FOLS can provide offence related treatment and intervention
3. Case management
 - This is likely to be for those with the most complex needs or those who are limited in additional support

What do we do?

4. Support and training

- FOLS can provide support and training to providers of day-to-day support in the community

5. Consultation and advice

- FOLS can provide consultation and advice and work collaboratively with the wider services around an individual.

6. In-reach support

- FOLS work closely with local secure settings and prisons to bridge the gap between inpatient/custodial settings and community settings



The key principles of FOLS

The following are the key principles that guide what FOLS do:

- We work collaboratively
- We take a multi-disciplinary approach
- We take a formulation based approach
- We take a strength focussed approach



Who can be referred to us?



FOLS work with individuals over the age of 18 who have a learning disability and/or autism, who:

- Have come into contact with the criminal justice system/secure hospital
- Are **at risk** of offending
- Present with risky behaviours where there are concerns from family or professionals
- Are detained under the Mental Health Act and require support with their transition into the community or step down service
- Are reaching the end of a custodial sentence and require support with the transition into the community
- Is a young person who requires support with the transition from child to adult services



Specific FOLS Criteria

Criteria for being accepted by FOLS is...

The individual must have a diagnosis of:

- Learning disability
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- A dual learning disability and autism spectrum disorder diagnosis

AND

Meet one or more of the following:

- Have a forensic/offending history
- Be at high risk of contact with the Criminal Justice System (police, probation, HMPS)
- Be an in patient within secure hospital
- Be a prisoner on remand or serving a sentence
- Be currently undergoing court proceedings

AND

- Be over the age of 18.

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Who can make a referral?

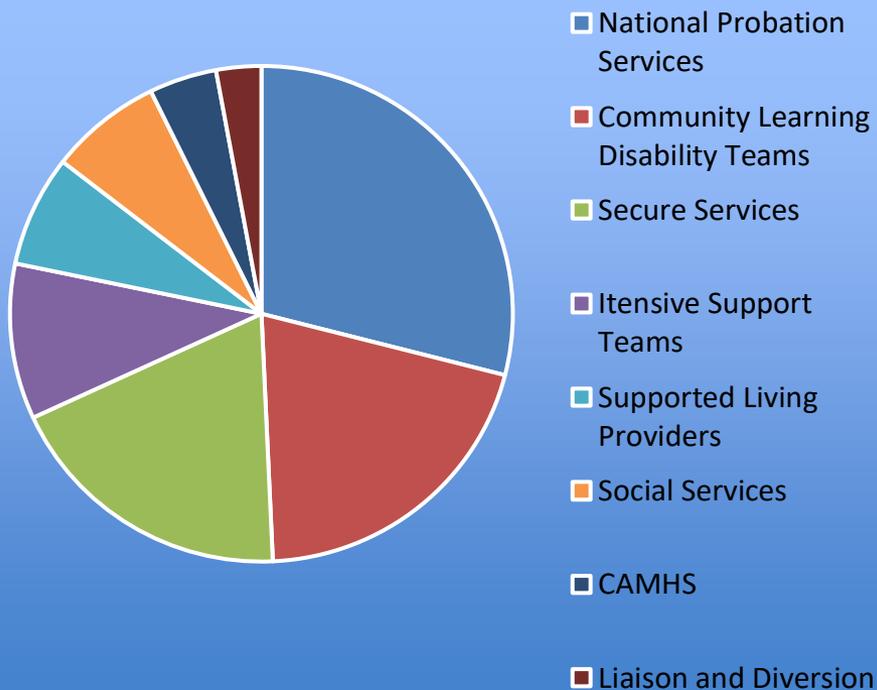
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We accept referrals from all professionals working with individuals within our area from a range of sources, including:

- Secure hospitals
- Locked rehabilitation units
- Community teams
- Residential/supported living arrangements
- The prison service
- Social care teams
- Police
- Probation
- Acute hospitals/PICU units

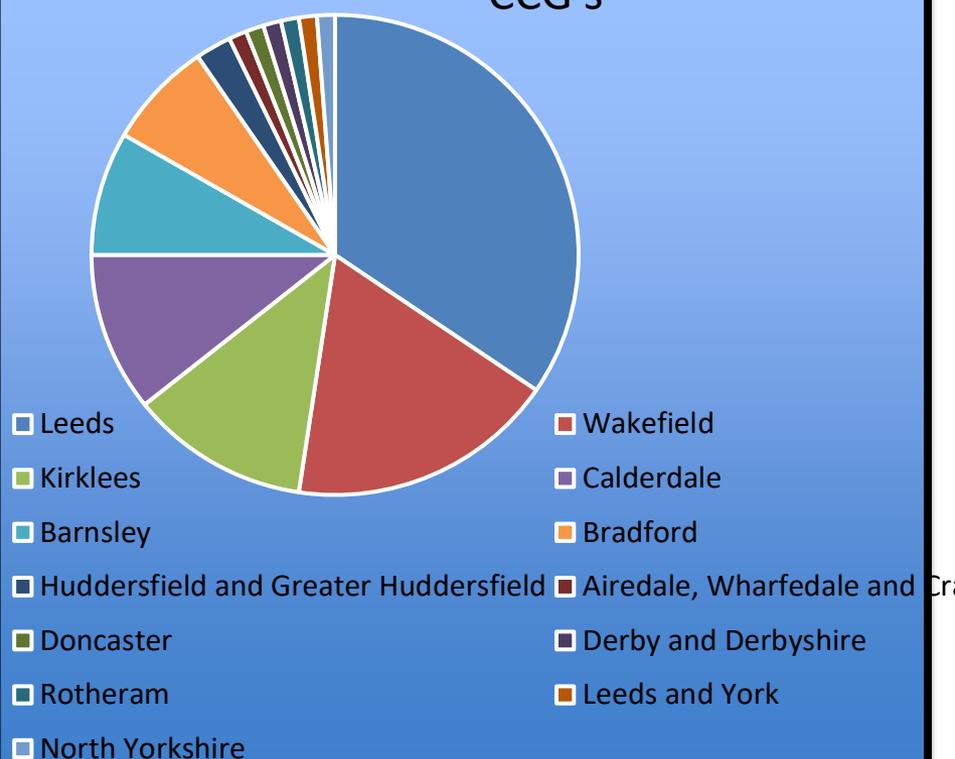
Referral sources and localities

Most common referral sources*:



*This is not an exhaustive list

Referral localities



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The Referral Process

If an individual you work with meets the previous criteria the following highlights how to make a referral to FOLS:

How to make a referral...

- Referrals are made to FOLS via an electronic referral form which can be found on the FOLS webpage by using the link below and scrolling down to the 'Referrals' section.
<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/forensic-outreach-liaison-service-fols/>.
- You will then receive an email asking for any further documentation that is needed to process the referral. This needs to be received by FOLS within 4 weeks to ensure the referral can be processed in a timely manner.
- The case is then discussed at our weekly MDT referrals meeting and will be assigned to triage to establish if the individual meets the criteria for acceptance by FOLS and to establish what specifically is being asked of FOLS.
- You will then be updated with the outcome of the triage.

FOLS Case Study

Demographic information

Adam is a male in his mid 20's. He has a diagnosis of Autism. He had a cognitive assessment when with CAMHS which estimated his IQ to be 73. Adam is greatly affected by his autism.

Background information

- Adam began displaying inappropriate sexual behaviour as a child, for which he had seen multiple professionals. Due to his developmental difficulties there was a lack of formal response to the behaviour despite a consistent pattern of interest in young children.
- Over the years Adam has been offered a range of interventions however they have had minimal impact on his sexual interests and harmful behaviour.
- Adam was investigated by police following a sexual assault on a male child in public toilets.
- Adam has convictions for offences relating to sexual assault of a child (above) and possession of indecent images for which he is subject to a 3-year community order.
- Adam breached his sexual harm prevention order (SHPO) a number of times.



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The referral

Adam was referred to FOLS by his Probation Officer for an understanding of the role of his autism in his offending behaviour and risk.

Triage and allocation

Adam's referral was triaged to assess suitability for acceptance from FOLS (using FOLS criteria) and to establish the specific forensic-related work needed to be done by FOLS. Once accepted, Adam was then allocated to a mental health practitioner who began building a relationship with him and the other services involved with managing his risk.

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FOLS input

FOLS input was established to be the completion of a specialist sexual risk assessment (RSVP) with consideration given to his autism. This was done by FOLS Psychologist through direct assessment of Adam, liaison with his case holder, attendance at MAPPA meetings and engagement with CJS practitioners, and an extensive review of Adam's records. The outcomes of the risk assessment guided follow up work from FOLS and recommendations for the wider services working with Adam.

The RSVP identified areas for intervention and further exploration, some of which required an internal referral to various professionals within FOLS MDT.

- The RSVP highlighted a need for an exploration of Adam's sensory perception including how it affected his understanding of the world around him and himself. Also, how it contributed to his risk. As such, a private specialist assessment of X sensory integration was commissioned to explore this.



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FOLS input continued.

- The RSVP suggested a need for exploration and challenge of Adam's fantasy and development of adult fantasy. Including providing Adam with strategies for increasing sexual gratification from masturbation to adult stimuli.
- It highlighted the need for an internal referral to FOLS Psychology for an exploration of Adam's anxiety. It was suggested that Adam may need intervention work around identifying and managing his anxiety. Informed by the specialist sensory integration assessment.

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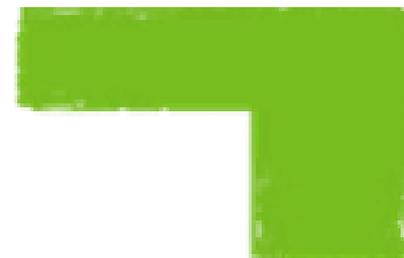
- The RSVP highlighted a need for an internal referral to FOLS Occupation Therapy for an assessment of functional skills to inform the review of Adam's support needs and to explore avenues for occupation and employment, while managing risk.

The RSVP also helped produce recommendations for the services working with Adam, such as:

- Adapting SHPO. A internal referral was made to FOLS Speech and Language Therapy to work with his probation officer to optimise his ability to understand and follow his SHPO.
- Advice/guidance was given to Adam's Public Protection Unit (PPU) Officer in terms of how his autism needs to be kept in mind. This would remain ongoing.



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Any questions?



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