

Since 2012, nationally and locally, demand for CAMHS has increased significantly year on year

CAMHS workforce has grown over that period but at a much slower rate

In Barnsley there has been limited services available to support children and young people with lower level emotional health and wellbeing needs

Lack of such support services has resulted in all referrals being directed to CAMHS

High demand for services with limited capacity has resulted in long waiting times for appointments

In 2015/16 Barnsley CAMHS service reduced the waiting times for initial assessment from 18 weeks to 3 weeks – this continues to be sustained

National, average wait for non-urgent referrals, for treatment to start in CAMHS, is 27 weeks

Lack of alternative service provision to CAMHS within Barnsley was identified prior to the Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce publication, 'Future in Mind'

Future in Mind investment is enabling the development of services in Barnsley to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people within the Borough



Key focus of the Future in Mind investment in Barnsley includes:

- Development of a schools-led mental health therapeutic team known as '4:Thought' – providing services to all secondary schools in Barnsley
- Delivery of training / awareness modules to all secondary schools in Barnsley, covering Youth mental health first aid, selfharm, anxiety and depression and eating disorders

- Training Young Commissioners
- Peer Mentoring Service at Barnsley College
- Community-based Eating Disorder Service
- Improving resilience of primary school children initially through implementation of the THRIVE approach at targeted Primary Schools
- Additional investment in NHS CAMHS service to provide enhanced support to children and young people who access the Youth Offending Team and to provide priority access to CAMHS for Looked After Children



- Additional investment in NHS CAMHS to enhance the operational capacity of the CAMHS Single Point of Access
- Development of a portal for children and young people to access, age-appropriately, to find out what services are available to them, locally and nationally, and how to access those services