

Southwark update, 16 June 2020

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Update about CAMHS to referrers, specifically about the current service offer during the Covid-19 outbreak. Attachment two outlines the service offer. Key points include:

- They are operating business as usual except that children and families are routinely offered appointments via video link / and or telephone unless face to face contact is clinically needed
- All referrals are now being accepted processed as quickly as possible. Routine referrals will be triaged as is normal practice for assessment and treatment
- They can join multi-agency meetings
- They request extra (10 days) notice if children and their families get their prescriptions from CAMHS and they arrange for them to be posted
- The CAMHS Early Help team is working as normal
- The Carelink team temporarily from the Lister Primary Care Centre to Sunshine House and discussions are taking place about its return to Lister
- Some specific clinical observations and some specialist assessments are unable to be offered until face to face appointments are possible
- The Duty Telephone number is open Mon – Fri 9 – 5 and is 020 3228 7777.
The CAMHS Crisis Line is open Mon – Fri 5 pm – 11 pm and Sat & Sun 9 am – 9pm and is 020 3228 5980

Attachment 3 outlines further information on the CAU and processes for children and young people who may need an inpatient admission.