Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

TITLE: Admissions to the Paediatric Day Unit for young people from a Young Offenders Institute and Secure Units.

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Purpose:

To outline the expected care process for young people who reside in a Young Offenders Institute or a Secure Unit who attend Ashford and St Peters Hospitals NHS Trust. Outline the roles and responsibilities of those involved in care delivery to ensure that we meet their complex needs and deliver care in line with:

- NHS England National Service specification: (prisons, immigration removal centres, children, and young people settings) (2022)
- Specification 29 Section 7A: public health services for children and adults in secure and detained settings in England, 2023-2024

Scope:

To ensure Ashford and St Peters Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provide high quality, evidence- based and safe personalised, care for young people within the detained setting. This must be provided at the right time, in the right place and in a timely manner. To ensure the individual and their families have access to personalised care during their hospital admission. To work with key professionals to ensure that appropriate personalised care plans are in place to best support the young person.

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REFERRAL PROCESS

- The referring clinician must consider the reasons the individual is in the young offender's institute or Secure Unit considering that Oak Ward does not have side rooms. The individual and the prison guards / supervisors will be in a bay with other children/families.
- The referring clinician must make the Paediatric safeguarding team and Oak Ward aware at the earliest possible opportunity.
- A risk assessment is to take place between the referring clinician, Oak Ward senior team and the Safeguarding Team relating to the suitability of the individual being on Oak Ward.
- The referring clinician must consider if an adult ward is best suited for the young person.
- All conversations and the agreed outcomes to be clearly documented on Cerner.

COMPETENCIES

- All staff to carry out their job role to the best of their ability adhering to both national and local policies and protocols ensuring best care is given to achieve the best outcome possible.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- The referring clinician must contact the Safeguarding Team to ensure a risk assessment is carried out regarding the suitability of the individual being admitted to Oak Ward.
- All clinical staff are responsible for complying with this Standard Operating Procedure.
- A named consultant from the speciality who has responsibility and oversight of the care for the young person from the young offenders' institute or secure unit.
- The Named Nurse for Safeguarding will be responsible for overseeing safeguarding cases and providing supervision.
- The Oak Ward team will see to the patients needs, ensuring best patient centred care is given considering personal and religious beliefs with dignity and compassion.

RISKS

- There are no options to isolate the individual on Oak Ward to improve dignity and confidentiality of the young person and in relation to the presence of the Prison Guards/Supervising staff.
- Therefore, consider other options regarding the most suitable environment for the young person, for instance an adult ward?

MITIGATION FOR RISKS

- Reasons as to why the individual is in a young offender's institute.
- Has the young person, aged 16 and over been asked if they would prefer an adult ward?