

**Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Team,
East Lancs and Blackburn with Darwen**

LCFT and the CCGs for East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen have developed clinically led assessments and treatment teams to manage mental health referrals within East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen. This service is going live on 25th June 2014.

The model is for a clinically led assessment and treatment team for all non IAPT referrals which has the following features:-

- Centralised referral point – age inclusive
- GP directly access to a psychiatrist for advice and consultation
- Assessment and Treatment Team assess referrals, except those thought to be requiring hospital admission at point of referral
- Quality, robust assessment with clear formulations which drives care pathways
- Timescales for assessments within 10 working days
- Team comprising consultant psychiatrist, specialist grade doctors, mental health practitioners and admin staff
- CRHT assessment where hospital admission is indicated at point of referral
- Three separate dedicated teams based at Daisyfield Mill (BwD), Gannow Lane Resource Centre (Burnley and Pendle) and The Mount (Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley)
- Available Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.00

Benefits

- Robust assessments which ensure all referrals are directed to the right part of our service first time
- No duplicate assessments
- Improved access for GPs for advice and consultation
- Direct referral / self-referral to IAPT will increase capacity in Assessment and Treatment Teams

Referring to the service

1. A single e-mail address lcn-tr.mentalhealthreferrals@nhs.net
2. A single address - The Referral Centre, Gannow Lane Resource Centre, Gannow Lane, Burnley BB12 6QH
3. A single fax number – 01282 429644
4. A single phone number - 01282 657116
5. Referral form on EMIS – this is being progressed with CCG
6. Self-referral to IAPT services – see attached information
7. Direct contact with consultant psychiatrists for advice and consultation via the medical secretaries or mobile phones.
 - a. (BwD) Dr Nishan Bhandary Tel 01254 226429 or 07507 847485
 - b. (Burnley and Pendle) Dr Gourinath Tokachichu Tel 01282 657213 or 07931 738207
 - c. (Hyndburn, R Valley, Rossendale) Dr Ashutosh Kaushal Tel 01254 226278