

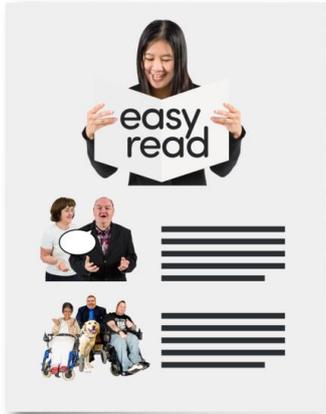


# Forensic Outreach Liaison Service (FOLS)

A service for people with a  
learning disability and/or  
autism



# What is this book about?



This book explains what the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service (FOLS) is and who to contact for more information.



If you need support to understand the information in this book you can ask a friend, advocate or support worker to help you.

# What is the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service ?



This is a new type of service that supports people aged 18 years and above who have a learning disability or autism or both.



It supports people that are at risk of or have come in to contact with the criminal justice system.



The criminal justice system is another name used to describe the police, courts, prison and probation service.



The service is also for people with a learning disability and or autism who have been admitted to a secure hospital.



The service will also work with young people in transition from children's services into adult services.



The Forensic Outreach Liaison Service works with the local community learning disability teams and mental health teams.

This includes people from different teams like psychology, nursing, occupational therapy and social work.



They work together to support people with a learning disability and or autism who are at risk of getting into trouble with the law.



Working together helps to stop people from getting into trouble with the law or from being admitted to secure hospital wherever possible.

# Who is the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service for?



The service is for people over the age of 18 with a diagnosis of learning disability and/or autism.

They might have come into contact with the criminal justice system or are at risk of breaking the law.



Or it might be that professionals or the persons family are very worried and there is a high risk of them breaking the law.

Or the person is being held under the Mental Health Act and needs a lot of support to come out of hospital into the community or to a different hospital.



Or they might be being released from prison and need support with settling safely in the community.

# What type of support does the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service give?



The service works with people with a learning disability or autism and their staff teams including the local care coordinators.

They help with things like:

- Checking that a person's care plan and risk management plan is working
- Training to carers and the staff team who support people
- Planning for someone who is leaving hospital
- Organising a person's time in the day



# What is a care co-ordinator??

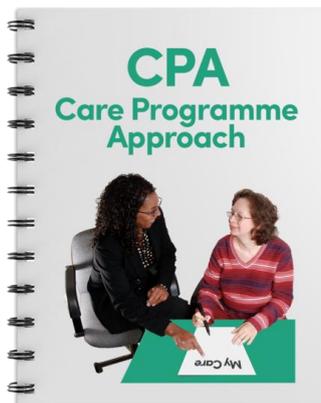


A care coordinator is a mental health professional, like a nurse or social worker.

They work as part of a team to support people.



They support people if they need mental health care when they leave hospital and keep in close contact with them to check how things are working out.



The care co-ordinator does an assessment to check what support a person needs and to make sure they receive the right care.

# Who can get in touch about the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service?



Lots of different people and organisations can make a referral to the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service

- Police and probation
- Acute hospitals
- Community teams
- Residential / Supported living placements
- Prison service
- Carers / Family members
- Secure hospitals / Locked rehabilitation units



A care coordinator also needs to be involved when the referral is made and must stay involved with the person whilst the Forensic Outreach Liaison service is supporting them.

# How to contact the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service

There are 3 different Forensic Outreach Liaison services across Yorkshire and Humber. These include



Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Foundation Trust that cover:

- Rotherham
- Doncaster
- Sheffield
- North Lincolnshire



You can call 01302 794075  
Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm



You can email  
[rdash.fols-sdrnl@nhs.net](mailto:rdash.fols-sdrnl@nhs.net)

# How to contact the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service



The South West Yorkshire Partnership covers:

- Wakefield
- Calderdale
- North Kirklees
- Greater Huddersfield
- Leeds
- Bradford and Airedale
- Barnsley

You can call 01924 316112

Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm



Visit the website

[www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/fols](http://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/fols)



You can email

[swy-tr.fols.referrals@nhs.net](mailto:swy-tr.fols.referrals@nhs.net)

# How to contact the Forensic Outreach Liaison Service



The Humber Foundation Trust covers Hull, East Riding and North Lincolnshire.



You can call 01482 336752  
Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm



You can email  
[hnf-tr.fols@nhs.net](mailto:hnf-tr.fols@nhs.net)

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