

# 11. Mental Health Social Work Team



## What is the Mental Health Social Work team?

We are a team of Mental Health Social Workers. The team support people to get better if they have had a mental health crisis.



The team are based in Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT), Psychiatric Hospitals, specialised services, Integrated Outreach Team (IOT) and the Early Intervention in Psychosis (EIP) Team.



We all work together as Care Coordinators, and we work with other services to give people a range of mental health services.



We have a Reviewing Team. They check that people are getting the best possible care and support to meet their needs.



We think it is important that people are in control of their own lives, so we help people to stay independent.

We try to help people as soon as we can, so their problems do not become long term problems.



We use the Care Act 2014 to assess people's needs. We focus on people's strengths, and the strengths of their support network like their families, friends, support and so on.

You can learn more about the [Care Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk).



We run a 24-hour duty system to assess the immediate needs of people under the Mental Health Act. (MHA).

You can contact us via the First Response Service (FRS) or the Emergency Duty team after office hours.



You can get support from our voluntary colleagues:

- [Sharing Voices](#) - a community mental health organisation.
- [Mind in Bradford](#)
- [The Cellar Trust](#) - mental health support for adults in Bradford.
- We use local resources such as Haven and The Sanctuary.



## How do I look for support?

You can be referred to us by your doctor or the FRS. Your referral will be looked at by an assessment team. We also work with people who are admitted to psychiatric hospitals.



You can be referred to specialist services by secondary care services. Secondary care services are hospitals and specialists.

Anyone can call the EIP on 01274 221021, or you can be referred by a doctor or secondary services.



The Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) duty service accepts referrals from the police, FRS and the Intensive Home Treatment Team (IHTT).

Also, someone's Nearest Relative can ask for someone to be assessed.



Nearest relatives can be someone from their family, local authority or the person who takes care of them.

To identify who is the Nearest Relative read [identification of nearest relative on Mental Health Law Online](#).



## Who is it for?

- People with “acute and or chronic” mental illness
- People who struggle to manage due to their mental health getting worse
- People who have complex needs as well as a mental illness. For example; drug and alcohol abuse problems as well as being sectioned under the MHA



## What is the cost?

There is no cost to use this service. However, you might have to pay for support provided under the Care Act.



## How do I get it?

- Contact FRS on 0800 952 1181. Read more about [First Response - crisis service](#)
- Speak with your doctor who can make a referral to our team