



Teachable Moments in Hampshire Hospital Foundation Trust A&E Departments (via Violence Reduction Unit/VRU funding annual funds from the Home Office)

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Description of current service/policy

As part of the Home Office funded Violence Reduction Strategy 2020/21 this element focuses on youth workers engaging young people at teachable moments when they attend a hospital A&E - enabling a public health approach to violence, drug and alcohol misuse, and mental health concerns. Recurrent emergency admissions for injury have been found to be more common in adolescents with adversity-related injury than in those with accident-related injury only. Hospital-based interventions should be developed to reduce the risk of future injury in adolescents admitted for adversity-related injury. There is also cost-saving evidence, whereby A&E visits are reduced, and criminal charges are avoided.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

The project model would replicate that already run at University Southampton Hospital to the HHFT A&Es - youth workers embedded in the A&E & appropriate hospital wards - providing brief interventions, signposting (face to face and via remote channels) with individuals and families to engage with other services. It would consist of provision of a service for a minimum of 5 months starting in April 2021, to include:

1x Embedded Youth Worker: 30 hours/week, based across the 2 hospitals at peak times (15 hours per hospital).

1x Social Prescribing Navigator: 30 hours/week, based remotely until restrictions allow face-to-face delivery

Minimum of 80 young people.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Engaged with the Southampton Violence Reduction Unit Lead who is part funding the Teachable Moments work by No Limits in University Hospital Southampton. Engaged with No Limits to assess feasibility, acceptability, and affordability of extending similar provision in HHFT Hospitals.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	This service potentially reaches young people aged under 25 years with diverse characteristics. No Limits have slightly advantaged the u18s above the over 18s as the service is not as well established in Adult ED as it is in paediatric A&E.	
Disability: Positive	This service potentially reaches young people with a diverse characteristics including additional needs.	
Sexual orientation: Positive	This service potentially reaches young people with protected characteristics and affected by social disparities.	
Race: Positive	This service potentially reaches young people with protected characteristics and affected by social disparities.	

<p>Religion and belief:</p> <p>Neutral</p>		
<p>Gender reassignment:</p> <p>Positive</p>	<p>This service potentially reaches young people with protected characteristics and affected by social disparities.</p>	
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<p>Marriage and civil partnership:</p> <p>Neutral</p>		
<p>Pregnancy and maternity:</p> <p>Positive</p>	<p>This service potentially reaches young people with protected characteristics and affected by social disparities. Teenage pregnancy or unintended pregnancy may disproportionately feature among service users.</p>	
<p>Other policy considerations</p>	<p>Impact</p>	<p>Mitigation</p>
<p>Poverty:</p> <p>Positive</p>	<p>This service potentially reaches young people with protected characteristics and affected by social disparities.</p>	

Rurality: Positive	Unlike the Southampton service, the Winchester and Basingstoke Hospitals are more likely to be access by people from rural areas across the county. The hub and spoke model (with Southampton as the hub and Basingstoke and Winchester as the spokes) is well evidenced as being a financially and logistically sustainable model. Data quality and completion would be improved as part of the Health Equity Assessment.	
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Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

Overall the service would have a positive impact and data would be collected to track how effective it is in reaching diverse populations.