

Early intervention and support for individuals in the criminal justice system in Surrey

Liaison and Diversion Service assess people in police custody and are able to identify any vulnerabilities or support needs. The service is then able to help people find the support they need via our Liaison and Diversion Outreach Service. This includes signposting to local mental and physical health services, drug and alcohol services, supporting people with housing or financial issues, attending appointments and much more.

Here for you



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Who we support

Our Liaison and Diversion Outreach Service help to support people who have come into contact with the Criminal Justice System. All members of our team offer a friendly, non-judgmental service and are committed to finding the right support for you within the community. The Liaison and Diversion Outreach Service have 6 Outreach Workers; 5 provided by Catalyst and 1 from Barnardos. The Catalyst Outreach Workers support adults 22 years old and over. The Barnardos Outreach Worker supports young people from the age of 10 to 21.

What to expect

The police can refer a person to Liaison and Diversion practitioners within police custody for assessment if they feel the person has support needs or vulnerabilities. Our Practitioners can carry out an assessment whilst a person is in police custody or they can provide this service in the community if a person wishes to self refer. A leaflet can be provided in police custody with the service contact details to be able to self refer. If it is identified that the Outreach Service may be able to provide support in the community, the Outreach Service will be advised. We can then work with a person for approximately 6 weeks, depending on the needs identified, with the aim that support provided will help reduce the likelihood of re-offending and reduce health inequalities.

We can help with

- Assertive outreach to support vulnerable adults to access health and community services
- Referral and signposting for a range of services to improve wellness
- Support to complete Job Centre applications/benefit/debt advice
- Support to access GP/talking therapies and Catalyst Services
- Housing applications and housing issues
- Drug and alcohol referrals
- Referral to Mental Health services
- Women's support and abuse referrals
- Veteran support
- Carer support

And so much more.

Our location

The team is located at Redwood Centre, Farnham Road Hospital in Guildford and our assertive outreach service is provided in the community throughout Surrey.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about the service, or would like to find out more, make a referral or self refer, please get in touch by phone or email. Details as follows:

Tel: 01483 443589

Email: surreyliaisondiversion@sabp.nhs.uk

www.catalystsupport.org.uk/liaison_and_diversion

"You prompted me to do things I forgot, don't give up you don't realize how important your job is for people like me and we bury it under the carpet we need more people like you." Client testimonial 2021

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