

Information for parents

Care pathway for children - Eating disorders

Tier 1: You can talk to anyone in Universal Services about your child, including GPs, health visitors, schools, school nurse, educational psychology

Still concerned? You or any professional can contact the **Single Point of Access (SPA)** on **020 8891 7969** for advice (out of hours call 020 8744 2442)

Referrals triaged according to risk, severity of difficulties and impact. Feedback on what support can be offered will be communicated within **48 hours**

Tier 2 Assessment to discuss your concerns and decide the next steps (known as a **choice appointment**)

Tier 3 Assessment to discuss your concerns and decide the next steps (known as a **choice appointment**)

Emotional Health Service

- Education, advice and assessment to identify early warning signs of an eating disorder
- Involve GP if concerned about weight, signs of starvation or vomiting or missed periods

A&E: If urgent medical attention and/or urgent psychological assessment and protection required. Referrals via the **emergency services** will enter at Tier 3 or Tier 4 depending on severity of need

Step up level of support if required

Assessment

Support and management

Step up to Tier 3

- Urgency and team dependent on physical health assessment by GP and initial screening at SPA
- Possible routes are either Richmond Royal or Community Eating Disorders Team at Springfield Hospital

Step up or step down level of support if required

Assessment

Support and management

Step up to Tier 4

- Admit to hospital in collaboration with family, young person and Tier 3 consultant
- Balanced with maintaining child or young person's educational and social connections

Assessment

Support and management

GP (primary care) will continue to manage your child's health needs throughout

Feedback and advice will be provided to parents or carers regarding other universal services or specialist support available

Feedback offered and support plan agreed with parents or carers

If symptoms of eating disorder improve, but continued psychological therapy is indicated, child or young person will continue intervention with the Emotional Health Service, with continued access to the following services as needed

Primary health care (GP)

Home-based support

Nursery or school support

Voluntary/ independent sector

Learning Disabilities Team