

# IATS

An Intensive 12 week Assessment and Treatment Service for offenders with mental disorders

**PiC - working with Criminal Justice**

## Care Pathway Timescale

### Referrals

2 working days

Suitability assessment of individual completed and decision communicated

### Admissions

2 weeks

Review - agreement on assessments to be used/initial treatment plan reviewed

2-5 weeks

Assessments/treatment undertaken

6 weeks

Interim review - report of progress given to stakeholders

7-12 weeks

Agreed assessments and treatment undertaken

12 weeks

Final report and CPA review. Agreement with regards to disposal, diagnosis, treatment requirements, capacity etc. Court reports if necessary. Review with stakeholders undertaken. Exit strategy implemented.

# ‘The IATS programme gives a comprehensive assessment of mental state, psychological functioning and motivation’.

## Our approach

The Intensive Assessment and Treatment Service (IATS), unique to Partnerships in Care, is our contribution to meeting the needs of commissioners, patients and clinicians in the criminal justice system. IATS will provide a comprehensive assessment and treatment plan at a fixed cost over an agreed 12 week timeframe.

## PiC and IATS

The IATS programme is offered in all PiC secure hospitals. IATS is an active collaboration between the hospital, criminal justice agencies, commissioners and clinicians.

For patients referred to the IATS programme from prison, the ongoing relationship with the host prison is integral to a successful assessment. Patients discharged at the completion of the IATS assessment, back to custody, will be subject to a full and comprehensive CPA. That CPA will review:

- response to treatment
- ongoing support and treatment needs
- patients’ cooperation and insight
- risk

## Treatment pathway

IATS treatment pathways meet the needs of patients exhibiting significant symptoms of mental illness and those who are thought to have significant personality pathology. Personal motivation of the individual and their capacity to engage will also inform possible placement treatment options.

## The objectives of IATS are to:

- assess patients for admission within 48 hours of referral
- assess risk and need within structured frameworks and agreed timeframes
- clarify diagnosis, nature and extent of need
- provide information for external agencies with regard to optimal care pathways
- assertively treat mental disorders with a view to the stabilisation of acute mental health difficulties
- determine appropriate medication choices and achieve optimal therapeutic dosage
- provide regular updates for those involved with the patient’s care
- provide reports for court (including oral evidence), to include diagnosis, case formulation, capacity assessments, and fitness to instruct
- transfer the patient subject to full CPA

To make an IATS referral contact our Central Referrals line on 0800 218 2398

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