Gwent Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Teams

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Team (HTT) is to provide crisis assessment and intervention for those members of the Gwent population who are experiencing an acute Mental Health Crisis.

The HTT will provide information, support and treatment in the least restrictive setting for those who would otherwise be admitted to the adult acute psychiatric inpatient services within Aneurin Bevan Health Board and ensure that all service users are offered an alternative to inpatient care.

The HTT believes that each individual has the necessary strengths to overcome such a crisis should they be given the opportunity. We will work in collaboration with the service user, their family and others within their social and professional support network in order to encourage all involved to “Learn from the Crisis”.
1. Aims and Objectives

1.1. An integral part of the Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Teams (HTT) function is to support the delivery of Annual Operating Framework (AOF) Target 13. The HTT’s will ensure that:

- 95% of service users admitted to a psychiatric hospital between 0900 and 2100 will have received a gate-keeping assessment by the HHT service prior to admission;

- 100% of service users admitted to a psychiatric hospital, who have not received a gate-keeping assessment by the CRHTS, will receive a follow up assessment by the HHT within 24 hours of admission.

1.2. The HTT will provide safe and effective community based assessment and intensive treatment in the least restrictive setting, as an alternative to inpatient care.

1.3. The HTT will coordinate and arrange crisis assessments of those within the community who are felt by primary care to be at imminent risk of admission to hospital.

1.4. The HTT will work in conjunction with the CMHT to provide a range of intensive interventions for known service users who are in psychiatric crisis and at risk of further deterioration and subsequent admission to hospital.

1.5. The HTT will liaise with out of hour’s junior medical staff and the Social Services Emergency Duty Team (EDT) to provide a consistent and cohesive assessment for those presenting in crisis between 5pm and 9pm and on weekends.

1.6. The HTT will work in partnership with service users, their carers and when appropriate others in their social network, to provide a genuine alternative to hospitalisation.