



Cambian Wing College Therapy Team

Everyone has a personal best

Therapeutic Services

The Therapy team is a support network for learners and their families at Cambian Wing College. The Clinical Services Team will undertake part of the initial three month assessment for new learners.

Referrals

These can be made by learners, parents and staff. A referral form is completed, the Therapy Services Team will assess the need and an appointment may be made or discussed with the referrer.

Personnel

The therapy team consists of mental health practitioners, a clinical psychologist, an assistant psychologist, a speech and language therapist and therapy assistant, occupational therapists, a holistic therapist, a consultant psychiatrist and therapy dog.

The main aims of our programme:

Provide a stable placement that enables each young person to engage with education through:

- Reducing risks with increased personal awareness
- Reducing other associated risks and improving psychological and emotional well-being
- Supporting young people in education safely with 25 hours of attendance
- Supporting young people towards independence in the community for positive transition to adult life.

Meet the Team



Mental Health Practitioners

James Ozmond and Anna Billington are our Mental Health Practitioners who provide responsive person centred support to all learners who have a decline in their mental health and low emotional well-being — the interventions range from informal sessions to structured weekly appointments either on site at CWC, in residential houses or community based.





Psychology Team

The **Clinical Psychologist** is **Theoni Apostolopoulou** and our **Assistant Psychologist** is **Emily Daniels**. The Psychology team administer initial and 6 monthly assessments, offer guidance and support to learners throughout 1:1 structured evidence-based therapeutic interventions as indicated by BPS guidelines and



ensures that EHCP requirements are being met. The psychology team also contributes directly to students' formulation, diagnosis and treatment plans and provides specialist psychological advice, guidance and consultation to staff and professionals as well as bespoke training to staff. The Psychology team also run therapeutic groups to targeted groups of learners, and provide indirect support through staff meetings, and training to staff.



Speech and Language Therapy

The Speech and Language Therapist; **Sam Salici-Gilbert** provides a specialist personcentred service to meet the individual communication needs of the learners at CWC as an integral part of their education.



Kelly Everett has recently started in the team as a Speech and Language Therapy assistant.

This is delivered through individual and group therapy, being part of the class team and through sharing knowledge of speech, language and social communication impairment with residential, education staff and parents to enable young people to communicate to the best of their ability.

Every student at the CWC has their own personalised communication profile which specifies their individual communication strengths and needs and advises staff of how to best support that individual.



Occupational Therapy

Our Occupational Therapists, **Claire King** and **Rachel Legg** administer initial assessments and support learners and staff. They give guidance and advice in a variety of ways to help learners develop their living skills, motor coordination and sensory issues.



The Occupational Therapists run 1:1 and small groups based on the zones of regulations programme, rebounder programmes, sensory drop in clinics and sensory based interventions. The Occupational Therapists may also run group sessions with other members of the clinical team.



Holistic Therapies

Our Holistic Therapist **Alex Thomas** provides a range of treatments to encompass all aspects of health and well-being under the clinical supervision of our Occupational Therapist. Relaxation therapies include holistic and sports massage; soft tissue release; and aromatherapy. Active sessions range from high intensity fitness workouts to postural correction as well as yoga and pilates based exercises for core strength and stability and as a means of practising mindfulness through activity.



Psychiatry

Dr Subha Muthalagu is our on-site Consultant Psychiatrist. Dr Muthalagu offers regular and ad-hoc meds reviews to our students. Dr Muthalagu provides advice and consultation to staff and liaises with local Mental Health services as and when needed.



Therapy Dog

Nala, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, is our PAT assessed therapy dog who attends college part time and supports students on site and in the community.

The Step Model



Here at Cambian Wing College, the clinical services team follow The Step Model. Please refer to the E-Step Lite document for more information around this. The phases of this are outlined below:



 Stabilisation (0-3 months) 2. Strengthening (Between stabilisation and transition)

3. Transition (last 3 months of placement)

Assessing learners therapeutic needs, including risk assessment and formulation. Building rapport with the learner, and guiding staff to manage behaviour and possibility of crisis. Supporting the learner indirectly or with direct work to ensure their life is safe and therapeutic. Encouraging the learner to use skills for emotional regulation and supporting staff working with the learner. Supporting learners to make choices for their next move, and encourage use of strategies to gain independence from therapist's and staff.

Our Aim

To create a cohesive, coordinated approach to address the needs of learners and give learners a voice to advocate for themselves

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