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Professional or parental concern exists regarding a baby/child’s (0-3rd birthday) mental or emotional development and presentation.

The parent’s issues impact on the parent child relationship.

Despite intervention; professional or parental concerns remain regarding the parent child relationship.

(Parent also refers to main care giver)

HOW A REFERRAL CAN BE MADE

Referrals should be made in hard copy on the i-CAMHS referral form and should be sent by any professional to the CAMHS referral coordinators in each local CAMHS team.

In all cases contact will be made with the referral agent and the Infant’s GP and Health visitor.

REFERRAL CRITERIA

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Because infants grow in a context of nurturing environments, infant mental health involves the psychological balance of the infant-family system. *(WAIMH Handbook Vol 1)*

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust offers Specialist Infant Mental Health intervention within Tier 2 and Tier 3 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

i-CAMHS provides promotion, prevention, early intervention and treatment in the area of infant mental health to the families of babies/children (0-3rd birthday).

The practitioner is a member of CAMHS.

The practitioner’s role is to support parents’ developing relationship with their baby/child by providing direct clinical work and therapeutic programmes in an effort to improve their interaction and relationship and promote the baby/child’s mental health.

The practitioner will forge links with other professionals as appropriate to individual care.