

Developing an outcomes measurement model for young people with complex needs

Bringing research into practice

Aims and objectives

A three year project funded by KTP/ Wolverhampton University and Bryn Melyn Care to create a comprehensive outcomes framework based on young people with complex issues in specialised residential placements.

To evaluate and replicate current best practice within Bryn Melyn Care and further improve practice and service provision.

To create a Child Toolkit to use within Bryn Melyn Care and similar residential agencies.

Methodology

Qualitative data

Interviews with clinical, educational, and therapeutic team members around each young person.

Interviews will evaluate three strands of practice within the admissions process; care, clinical and educational input and the placement ending process. To include: the process, the evaluation, and future practice.

Focus groups will explore main themes and issues uncovered within the interviews.

Quantitative data

Documentation
Child Toolkit

Bryn Melyn Care

Intensive therapeutic placement agency for disadvantaged young people with a range of issues.

- 24 hour care
- In-house clinical support and education facilities
- Over 30 specialist small homes for individual, paired or three person placements
- Emergency crisis and assessment
- Inappropriate sexualised behaviour care
- Long-term therapeutic care
- Two independent schools.

Potential benefits

The project will benefit young people in therapeutic residential care, as the most effective interventions and care packages will be identified and consequently used to improve the quality of service provision for all young people in similar environments.

The study will develop a contextualised understanding of outcome measurement models and their ability to demonstrate the social return on investment.

The study will encourage Bryn Melyn Care to become more sensitive to future changes in policy, practice, and statements of best practice, ensuring that service provision is proactively amended to reflect any change.