



Initial Assessment Team

This team would complete initial assessments and short-term plans and interventions over a maximum period of 42 days. The purpose of these teams would be to:

- undertake seven day assessments
- undertake some core assessment
- undertake some very short term to focussed interventions
- aim to assess and intervene, close or refer on
- act as gatekeeper
- pass on to long term teams (where appropriate) as quickly as possible

The social work staff in this team will have a higher proportion of experienced social workers. There will be a fast throughput of cases with the quick decision making to ensure the user has a clear and direct route to appropriate services. As soon as the necessity for long term work is identified the work would be transferred to the locality team.

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