

When Amy was

- 12, was diagnosed with Autism
- 13, was assaulted and bullied
- 13, refused to go to school, had severe anxiety and was self harming
- 14, admitted to West Suffolk Hospital
- 15, assessed by psychiatrist due to further attempts to self harm and suicidal thoughts Amy was transferred to a Local Independent Hospital for Acute Mental Health as an Informal patient and later detained.
- 16, during a home visit, detainment paperwork lapsed at the start of pandemic and was unable to return to hospital
- 16, detained and admitted to a Mental Health Hospital 130 miles from home
- 16, was sexually assaulted when out on a home visit
- 16, detention and admission ended, and was discharged from hospital
- 16, 1:1 Community Support Package put in place
- 17, Regular support worker and psychiatrist left
- 17, admitted to local hospital transfer to hospital 130 miles away
- 17, discharged after 6 weeks and self harmed on way home
- 2 Months late admitted to local hospital cared for in ITU sedated for 10 days
- Discharged with safety plan

I want to live a normal life

I do not want to be in hospital

I want to sit my GCSE's

I may want to work in the police

Challenges

- The Local Authority has little education information whilst Amy was in secure hospitals
- EHCP was not issued until Amy was 16
- Social Care Involvement was not until 17

Involvements

- 8 Education Settings (not including Hospitals)
- 4 Different mental health hospital/wards
- Local Authority - Family Solutions, Social Care, Family Services
- Health, MDT, Psychiatrist, care coordinator, CETR NHSE & CCG
- Schools
- Police

Learning Points

- How can LA services be more involved in Education when commissioned via Health?
- What could have been different for Amy at home?
- Amy feels at no point has the provision agreed in her care plan been provided?
- Workers Amy has built up relationships with have left – where was the transition
- What happens now Amy is 18?
- Does Amy have Section 117 After care order?

And Now Amy is

- in Education 4 days a week,
- has made a few friends
- lives at home but wants to move out
- has not been admitted to hospital for 8 weeks
- Taking time to develop coping mechanism and will be starting DBT

