Royal Free Hospital School is exploring the development of a specialist Post-16 (16-19) provision for a small number of young people with complex needs. As part of this process, we are seeking views from partners and stakeholders across Camden.

The proposal is intended to address the heightened risk of young people with EHCPs becoming NEET following Year 11. By offering a supported post-16 pathway for existing students with complex needs, the provision aligns with the Milburn Review's call for "*a system that prevents youth inactivity, rather than responding after young people have disengaged".*

If approved, the provision would be available only to pupils who are already on roll at Royal Free Hospital School in Year 11 and who have an active Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). At this stage, it is not intended as an open admission pathway for external applicants.

The proposed provision would support a small cohort of young people whose needs may include severe mental health difficulties, SEMH needs, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma, significant medical needs, persistent absence and/or social care involvement. These are young people who may require a more specialist and therapeutic transition into adulthood than is currently available through existing local pathways.

Our intention is to provide a continued educational pathway beyond Year 11 within a familiar, highly relational and therapeutic environment, helping young people sustain engagement in education, develop independence and employability skills, and successfully transition into adulthood, further education, training or employment.

Proposed Curriculum Offer;

Our 16-19 year old provision would include:

- GCSE and Functional Skills re-sit opportunities where required.
- English, mathematics and digital skills development.
- Therapeutic support, mentoring and transition planning.
- Individualised preparation for adulthood.
- Access to creative-sector pathways and vocational opportunities through a partnership with All City Arts College (external provider)
- Progression to further education, employment, apprenticeships or supported internships.
- Employability, careers education and work-related learning.

We ask that you complete the online questionnaire below to bring you along with us as part of the consultation process.

https://forms.gle/64bF72S1u6GuSH8p7

Please indicate your role and organisation e.g. Camden secondary school, Camden Learning, Educational psychology service, CAMHS, Specific Medical or mental health team within the NHS, Mentoring service, Social care, MASH etc.

Please also let us know if you are a member of our Royal Free school community including; past or current parent/carer, young person, School Governor, resident of the local community in the borough of Camden etc.

Regards,

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