

**Mentoring for 11-21yrs referral checklist
(21-25 with SEND and in need of Early Help)**

Please work through this checklist before applying.

Eligibility:

You must be able to tick **all** of these boxes regarding the young person to be referred

- 1 They are aged between 11-21 years (*year 7 and above*) and live in B&NES
OR
 They are aged between 21-25 years with a confirmed diagnosis (by a clinical professional) of SEND, live in B&NES and in need of an early help service
- 2 They can build relationships based mainly on conversation
- 3 You have explained to them how our mentoring programme works, what is expected of them, and you believe they have understood this
- 4 They want to be involved in our mentoring programme as described
- 5 They are willing to commit ≈2 hours weekly on a weekday for a year (outside school hours)

Referral Criteria:

Applicants must meet **two** or more risk factors. Tick each relevant box

- 1 Displaying signs of anti-social behaviour, including risk of offending
- 2 Disengaged, excluded or at risk of exclusion from education
OR
- 3 Not in employment or training
- 4 In or leaving care
- 5 Experiencing significant challenges out of school – including factors such as a lack of role models, family breakdown, bereavement, isolation and historic domestic violence, parent or family member in prison

Service Limitations:

If any of these limitations are evident, we would need to discuss this further before accepting a referral

- 1 Their behaviour could present a risk to a volunteer mentoring them
- 2 They have significant challenges requiring support not in place
- 3 They have severe learning difficulties
- 4 They have significant mental health problems
- 5 They or the parents / carer they live with have a history of violence
- 6 They have accessed our 11+ Volunteer Mentoring service within the last 12 months
- 7 The young person has an EHCP (we have other services if so – please call 01225 429694 for details).