

**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 1-2 hours weekly on a weekday for a year

**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).