**Assessment Process**

Amberleigh Care offers an in-depth, evidence based 12 week assessment process. Our package of assessment measures helps us to establish a baseline for the young person when they arrive, identify the individual needs of the young person, understand the specific goals of the young person and what they want to work on, ensure the young person receives the support they require and finally to track progress during the intervention.

The assessment tools selected follow ICHA assessment recommendations. The recommendation state that the assessment process should give:

1. Broad Focus - to define placement needs and capture population data
2. Profile focus - to define individual placement needs for matching and target setting
3. Specific focus - to define intervention priorities and measure progress

During the 12 week assessment the young person receives a comprehensive assessment and an in-depth assessment report is produced outlining the evidence based intervention plan. The following measures and assessment tools are used to support this process:

* AIM 2
* Resiliency scales for adolescents
* SDQ (which is also used as part of the educational assessment)
* Becks youth inventory
* HoNosca
* TSCC (trauma checklist)
* Assessment checklist for adolescents (ACA)
* SAVRY (where applicable)
* Locus of control

Also an educational assessment including the;

* The WISC
* AAB

To ensure that the young person is receiving the best possible interventions we review individual progress on a quarterly basis. Alongside this we regularly repeat certain measures to track individual progress and to adapt the intervention plan if required.

At Amberleigh care the young person’s experience of the care and interventions they receive are integral to what we do. We use session feedback tools and environmental measures to understand this experience; we use this information to inform our practice, ensuring that the young person’s needs are central.

At the end of placement a comprehensive End of placement report is completed which not only outlines the work that has been completed during the placement and a future reintegration plan but also demonstrates the impact and experience of the placement.