**Role of social care liaison officer**

* Triage for all referrals into the Lighthouse, carrying out initial risk assessment. Gathering and collating information such as strategy minutes/haven medical reports/child and family assessments and presenting at allocations meetings, fast tracking urgent referrals and identifying referrals to be progressed to the Havens or community Paediatrician’s.
* Ensure that Child Protection pathways are clear and running smoothly between the Lighthouse and the 5 local boroughs, making recommendations, advocating and assisting with the implementation of system-wide changes as required and in order to support a process of continuous Improvement
* Ensure appropriate systems are in place to refer cases to Local Authorities/social care teams when required
* To provide expert advice to individual social workers on the role of the Lighthouse, including those vulnerable 18-25 year olds with additional needs
* Liaise with local social care teams and provide expertise and challenge decisions and provide alternative solutions throughout and assist with complex decision making
* Act as lead/expert adviser for child protection work in family services, social work and contribute to the development and adherence to the highest quality child protection practices.
* Take the lead in developing and conducting training and briefing on the Lighthouse model to social care teams, MASH, public health and education across the five North Central London (NCL) boroughs. To create a network of expertise across the 5 local authorities
* To act as a local consultant on Child protection work for medical, sexual health, mental health and advocacy staff working at the Lighthouse, to provide guidance, support and direction as necessary, ensuring that standards and skills are maintained and developed