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The Mulberry Bush and the National Mental Health Agenda

The last year has seen a remarkable sea change across the UK in acknowledging how mental health (MH) issues affect all ages and stratas of society. This debate has especially highlighted the scale of MH issues in children and young people as evidenced by the recent MH Green paper, *Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools* ([click here to view](#)) and the *NHS Mental Health of Children and Young People in England* ([click here to view](#))

The mission of The Mulberry Bush as a National charity is to provide a range of specialist mental health services to severely traumatised children, young people their families and communities. For 70 years we have provided the highest quality therapeutic residential care, treatment and education to children who have suffered early years and complex trauma.

We meet the authentic psychological needs of children and made vulnerable by severe SEMHD through our multi-disciplinary work at The Mulberry Bush School and we take our expertise out to the wider community via The Mulberry Bush Outreach team providing bespoke training and support to meet the needs of emotionally troubled pupils in mainstream schools.

Our work supports school inclusion and recent research reports evidence how our residential services enable children to make significant social, emotional and educational progress and help them on a journey to reintegration with families and schooling.

Our core values of psychodynamic theory, reflective practice and collaborative working underpin our work influencing a range of clinically informed and evidence based interventions which break the destructive cycles of abuse and neglect. We develop social capital and significant cost savings to society through our work.

Within the growing awareness and the national debate about the MH agenda we support the Children and Young Peoples MH alliance and the strategic thinking of the current NCB *#childrenattheheart* campaign and *#childrensmentalhealthweek*.

We are proud of our 70 year heritage of therapeutic work and open to sharing our expertise to improve the lives of children, young people and families.

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