**Referral Criteria for NLAFC Specialist Teenage Schemes**

1. Young people aged 11-16 at the time of placement whose needs indicate that they would alternatively be placed in residential care or high cost Independent Fostering Agency placements.
2. Young people who are ready to move back to specialist foster carers from expensive residential placements.
3. Young people moving from the North London Children’s Efficiency Programme residential establishments who need specialist foster placements.
4. Placements will normally be for up to 2 years to enable a young person’s behaviour to become settled so they can move on to a long-term foster placement, or return home or into the community.

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