## Useful Voluntary Organizations

Southwark Family Information Service 0800 013 0639

SOLACE Women's Aid 0808 802 5565

Contact a Family
Families with disabled
children
0808 808 3555
0207 358 7799

GingerBread Advice for lone parents 0808 802 0925

Homestart Southwark Offers support, friendship and practical help 0207 7377720

> Samaritans 08457 90 90 90

Southwark Well-Being hub 0203 751 9684

### **How to Contact the Team**

The Team is based at:
The Chaucer Resource Centre
13 Ann Moss Way
(off Lower Road)
Rotherhithe
London
SE16 2TH

0203 228 9800

Please note we are a community team and aim to respond to phone messages within 1 working day

Service Manager: Lucy Brazener

Parental Mental Health Team Southwark@slam.nhs.uk

#### What to do in a Crisis

Call GP or out of hours SELDOC 02086939066
Call NHS Direct 24 hour advice 111
Call the SLAM hotline on 08007312864
Attend your local A&E - there are mental health specialist services available to help you.





# Parental Mental Health Team





### The Service

We are an early intervention nurse led service working with parents suffering from mental distress such as low mood or anxiety and have young children under the age of 5.

We recognise that having a baby or raising a young child can be a stressful time in the life of any parent.

Seeking help when feeling overwhelmed or struggling, should be a straightforward process, without fear of having failed as a parent, or the stigma of being labelled mentally ill.

We take referrals from any professional working with a parent and their young family in Southwark and are happy to undertake joint visits

### What do we do?

- Use a Think Family approach to consider the needs of not just the parent but their family too.
- Offer advice and consultation to Children's Centre Staff where there are concerns regarding a parents mental health.
- Provide training to Children's Centre staff on mental health awareness.
- Provide mental health needs assessments in the home and to support parents of children aged 0-5 to address mental health issues.
- Co-work with parents if they are already open to a Community mental health team to access their local children centre.

- Offer individual support to parents for example to help develop healthy coping strategies or relapse prevention strategies.
- Help prepare parents for accessing therapy in secondary mental health.
- Facilitate therapeutic groups such as the Keeping Well Post Birth and Creative Families Art Group, these are closed groups referral only and run in term time only.