

The Vanderhoof Youth Crisis Protocol is the result of collaborative efforts between local Mental Health Offices, Northern Health and the School District 91. It was funded in partnership by Doctors of BC and the BC government. This first draft was finalized and put into use in September 2016.

All involved parties have recognized a very real need to be able to communicate quickly and efficiently with appropriate parties to support youth experiencing critical mental health concerns including suicidal and violent ideations.

The Crisis Flow Chart is intended to be used in tandem with the Discharge Communication Plan Document as a means of allowing standardized and timely treatment for youth who present with concerns. Principles of collaboration, best fit, least intrusion and pragmatism helped to guide the creation of the protocol and should be considered with its ongoing use.

These documents are meant to act as a standardized guide on treatment, referral and communication processes; however they are a work in progress and it is recognized that this is a starting point for what is hoped to be a larger ongoing collaboration between local service providers. The protocol will routinely be revisited by the Vanderhoof Mental Health Collaborative Local Action Team for continued improvement and to monitor outcomes.

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