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FOR CONCERNS REGARDING SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, OR MEDICATION REVIEWS

Contact your GP for advice and support. Your GP may refer your child to the Community Paediatrician for an assessment. Information about the role of the Community Paediatrician can be found [Community Paediatrician](#)



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FOR INDICATIONS OF AUTISM AND/OR ADHD – GRADUATED RESPONSE

If you do not have any of the concerns mentioned above at step 1 you may wish to make a referral to the NPST for an assessment. Before doing so, please follow the graduated response process via your health visitor or the [SEND graduated response](#) through your child's education setting. For the pre-assessment support offer for ADHD please complete our [referral form](#).

Additional support information also in the link here [support information](#)

Please note – referrals can only be accepted once the graduated response and pre-assessment support offer has been followed.

Please note - a diagnosis is not required for reasonable adjustments to be put in place to support your child's needs within their education setting.

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REFERRALS TO NPST

Once step 2 above has been followed, a referral can then be made to the NPST by either your GP, Health Care Professional, Educational Senco Lead or alternatively a self-referral can be made.

The NPST referral form and information can be found here www.asklion.co.uk

Confirmation that your referral has been received will be sent to you along with pre-assessment support and advice information.



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AUTISM AND/OR ADHD SCREENING ASSESSMENT

A screening assessment will be undertaken by the NPST for indicative behaviours of Autism and/or ADHD. Further interventions may also be recommended at this stage prior to **step 4a**.

**4a**

SCREENING ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED NEED FOR REVIEW WITH COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS SERVICE

Your child's referral will be discussed with the Community Paediatrics Team.

If accepted your child will be placed on the Community Paediatric wait list for further assessment and closed to the NPST.

If not accepted, you/the referrer, will be informed of the outcome and sign posted as at step 6 below.

**OR**
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FURTHER ASSESSMENT OR INFORMATION REQUIRED

Your child's referral remains open for further assessment and information gathering.

This may include discussions with professionals such as CAMHS, speech & language therapy along with observations in school/nursery and/or face-to-face assessments.

Where the assessment outcome indicates the need for a review with the Community Paediatrics Service, please see step 4a

**OR**
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INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO RECOMMEND FURTHER ASSESSMENT FOR AUTISM AND/OR ADHD AT THIS TIME.

You will be offered support and advice based on your child's individual needs; this support is not subject to receiving a diagnosis. You will also be signposted to the appropriate local and national support organisations. Your referral will be closed to the NPST once support and advice has been provided.



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