Children’s Neurodevelopmental Assessment Service (including ASDAT)

Information for Families

A link to a video explaining the process can be found on the Early Help Hub under the heading ‘Neurodevelopmental Assessment Service’:


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Comments and concerns
We welcome your views, feedback and suggestions about how we can improve our service. The PALS office takes calls Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

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Our service provides specialist expertise in the assessment and management of children with complex neurodevelopmental disorders.

We see children and young people with neurodevelopmental presentations, including those where a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is being considered. We also see children where there are concerns about language disorders, behavioural and motor coordination problems, and learning disability or specific learning difficulties.

When we receive a referral for a young person, the information is carefully screened (including the information from parents and the young person’s school) by an experienced clinician. We may contact you, the young person’s school or another professional if we feel that we need more information in order to make a decision about the best course of action for your child. Once the referral has been screened you will be sent a letter from the Early Help Hub which will let you know what we recommend needs to happen next for your child.

This could be:

- Further assessment focusing on your child and their strengths and weaknesses, including looking at:
  - cognition and learning potential
  - social and communication skills
  - speech and language development
  - coordination
  - sensory processing
  - functional skills
- Connecting you to services which can support and help you and your child based on their needs and experiences.

The clinician in the Early Help Hub will decide which is the most appropriate team to assess your child’s needs, or offer support and help. This could be through CAMHS, the ASD Assessment Team, Complex Neurodevelopmental Assessment Team, the Community Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapists, or Occupational Therapists.

It may be recommended that you approach your child’s school or other support services in the community for further help through the Early Help Hub; this might include support from other professionals from health, education or social care.

What do you need to do now?

The person who gave you this leaflet has filled in the first part of the referral form for your child.

In order to complete this referral, we need additional information from you (parent / guardian) regarding your child’s behaviour, strengths and difficulties at home, and from your child’s school regarding how they present in this setting. Please use the following link to access the parent form and ask your school to use the same link to complete the school form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/early-help/professionals/request-for-help-forms/

This referral will not be submitted until all three forms have been completed.

If you need help to complete this form or your child is not currently attending school, please contact us on the number below to discuss with us whether someone else can provide us with the information:

Tel: 01872 322 277

Email: earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk