

Referral process

Referral is initiated by a professional by completing form 'A' and supplying email addresses for the parent, school, or other professional

The parent, school, or other professional will receive an email with a link to the forms

The parent, school, or other professional complete the forms from the links which have been emailed to them

The parent form and school forms are sent to the early health hub (EHH)

The EHH looks at all the information and makes a decision

We think you will most benefit from help from the EHH

We need to do more assessments and / or we need to do a diagnostic assessment

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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Children's neurodevelopmental assessment service (including ASDAT)



Information for families

Find us online at cornwallft



What do we do?

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

Who do we see?

We see children and young people with neurodevelopmental presentations, including those where a diagnosis of autism 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.

Referrals

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, or other professional if they are educated at home) 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 a 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.

We may recommend 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?

A referral needs to be instigated by someone who knows your child in a professional capacity (your child's school, or a health or social care professional).

They will provide an email address for you and your child's school (or another professional if your child is home educated).

The parents or guardians and the child's school (or other professional) will then be sent a link to a form asking for further information.

This referral will not be submitted until all 3 forms have been completed.

If you need help to complete this form, please contact us on the number below to discuss whether someone else can provide us with the information:

Tel: **01872 246945**

Email: cpn-tr.ASDTEAM@nhs.net