

Greater Manchester Children and Young People's Autism and ADHD Triage Pathway



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Referral

Early Support

A child or young person experiences differences that may relate to autism and/or ADHD. The family may seek support from a relevant health/education professional, or the education setting may discuss what they see with the family

A referral is completed which includes all the relevant information on the child or young person's needs from the family, education (including nursery), social care and health services

The referral is received by a single digital referral system which reviews referrals to determine urgency and connects families to support while they wait (coming soon)

The referral is routed to local services, where it is reviewed against the referral criteria. If the referral meets the criteria, it is accepted.

Referral Review

Support & Assessment

The referral information is reviewed by a team of professionals which will consist of senior Community Health and CAMHS clinicians as a minimum, but may include social care and education practitioners

The professionals use clinical criteria to help decide the most appropriate support. They will consider a range of factors such as levels of urgency, social, communication, behaviour, educational and mental health needs

If a child or young person's needs are clear, and the appropriate service is obvious they may be referred directly to CAMHS or Children's Community Health Services for support, without the need for a professional discussion

If an NHS assessment is not recommended, families will be offered personalised advice and support based on their child's needs from the new locality support services or existing local offers of support

Children and young people who meet the criteria for an NHS assessment and have a mental health need will be assessed by CAMHS. Those with no mental health need will be assessed by Children's Community Health Services

Children and young people with the highest levels of need or where there is concern about their safety will be prioritised for earlier assessment and support

Support is available at every stage of the pathway and will be tailored to the families needs