

## **Community Paediatrics – Plymouth Child Development Centre**

In general referrals that meet the service criteria are accepted for the following groups of children and young people:

1. Children and Young People aged 0-18 years.
2. Children and Young People registered with a GP in the following UHP NHS Trust areas (Plymouth City, West Devon and parts of South Devon).
3. Referrals accepted from GPs or via internal consultant to consultant transfer of care.

### **Referral Criteria**

#### **Developmental Delay (Pre-School Children)**

Children who demonstrate delay that does not follow a pattern alongside their peers in 2 or more of the following domains:

Locomotor  
Manipulative  
Visual  
Hearing  
Speech and Language  
Self care

Referrals must be supported by a completed Ages and Stages Questionnaire and must include a Health Visitor letter including their observations and concerns. Also to include any relevant multi-agency information.

#### **Developmental Delay (School Age Children)**

As above. Must include information from school detailing concerns and interventions put in place.

Request for assessment for children with behavioural issues are only appropriate if there is also clear evidence of a developmental disorder.

#### **ADHD**

Children **aged 6 or over** who demonstrate difficulties with attention, concentration, impulse control or hyperactivity in more than one setting. Request for assessment must be accompanied by supporting evidence from school.

#### **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Pre-School Children)**

Children where concerns identify social interaction and/or communication difficulties. Concerns may be raised by parents and/or pre-school settings and must be supported by a completed Ages and Stages Questionnaire and Health Visitor letter

describing their observations and concerns. If available also include information on multiagency involvement.

### **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (School Age Children)**

Children where concerns identify social interaction and/or communication difficulties. Referrals must be supported by a report from school and/or Educational Psychologist.

**Please note this service is available for children registered with a Plymouth GP only. A Devon assessment service is available via Children and Family Health Devon Service for children who are 4 years and 9 months of age and over and who are registered with a GP in Devon.**

### **Exclusions**

Adoption and Fostering/Looked After Children - CDC clinicians provide medical advice to the Local Authority. There is no GP referral route to this service.

Please note the following:

- Referrals for acute conditions should be directed to Paediatricians at Derriford Hospital
- Community Paediatrics do not provide assessment for dyslexia.
- Where an ASD or ADHD assessment is being requested and the child also meets access criteria for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service the ASD/ADHD assessment will be carried out by the CAMHS service.

### **Choose and Book Services:**

Continence Service

Motor Co-ordination Assessment Service