

Social Communication Assessment Team

Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnostic Pathway for children 0-5 years

(or children over 5 with an identified learning disability/complex S< difficulties or those with complex physical/health need)

Please discuss any concerns with your GP, Health Visitor, School/Nursery Staff, Speech & Language Therapist or Children's Centre Staff who can make a referral to the Integrated Service for Children with Disabilities based at The Moor Lane Centre.

Referral discussed at ITAC (Referrals) Meeting

Decision made to accept referral.
If social communication difficulties are clearly identified in referral a joint appointment with one of the Community Paediatricians and another professional will be offered.

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An Initial Triage Appointment with Community Paediatrician (with/without S<) will be offered.

If a Pathway 2/3 SCAT assessment is identified the child's name is added to SCAT Waiting List.

Opt-In requested from parents when child nears the top of the SCAT WL. Information gathered in readiness for assessment.

Pathway One

(at Initial Assessment)
Diagnostic Assessment with input from S</EY Professional; non complex cases. Developmental History and Play Based Assessment.

ASD Diagnosis Confirmed

Not ASD

Further Assessment Required

Pathway Two

Joint Diagnostic Assessment (two Professionals; Paediatrician/Ed Psych/S<). Developmental History and ADOS Play Based Assessment.

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Not ASD

Further Assessment Required

Pathway Three

Joint Diagnostic Assessment for complex cases with three Professionals; Clinical Psychologist with Paediatrician/Ed Psych/S<. Developmental History and ADOS Play Based Assessment with other assessments as needed.

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Results of assessments fed back to parents. Resource Pack, Report and Recommendations circulated - with referrals to other services as required.