

Community Paediatrics Referral Criteria:

Referrals are accepted from

- GPs (Hounslow GP for Hounslow team; Richmond and Twickenham GPs for Richmond team)
- HV, health therapists, School Nurses with GP consent
- Other medical consultants (hospitals, CAMHS)

Reasons for Referral

- **Developmental**
 - Neuro-Developmental concern in Pre-School children (below 5 years).
 - Genetic condition known to be associated with developmental problems (e.g., Down Syndrome).
 - Neurological problems associated developmental problems.
 - Motor Delay / clumsiness / coordination problems to exclude medical cause (Associated learning problems are managed by Education).
 - Social communication problems in children younger than 5 years.
 - Speech and language problems if the speech and language therapist is concerned and requesting paediatric input. This must be accompanied by a Health Visitor's assessment and a detailed SLT report.
 - NICU graduates likely to have developmental problems (26/40 week, <1000gm Birth weight).
 - Complex medical needs.
 - Complications resulting in severely abnormal cranial ultrasound/CT/MRI (e.g. IVH, hydrocephalus, Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, peri-ventricular leukomalacia).
 - Known serious metabolic conditions likely to cause developmental delay.
 - Diagnosed blind or deaf.
 - Suspected ADHD in children with learning difficulties (Hounslow).
 - Uncomplicated ADHD <5 yrs (Richmond).
 - Epilepsy in children with learning difficulties (Hounslow) .

Educational

- Statutory Special Educational Needs Assessment (from Education).

Social Services

- Child protection medicals (from Social Services).
- Statutory Looked After Children / adoption work (from social services).

Referrals NOT appropriate for Community Paediatrics

- Enuresis – refer to School Health Nurse after medical review by GP and exclusion of physical problem.
- Emotional and behaviour problems –
 - In Richmond, sign post to Single Point of Access, Children’s Centres, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Primary Mental Health Team, or CAMHS.
 - In Hounslow, sign post to Single Point of Access, Children’s Centres, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Educational Psychology Consultation Service, Parent Support Advisors at schools, etc.
- Physical health problems in children with normal neurodevelopment that need investigation – Refer to hospital paediatrics.
- Developmental co-ordination difficulties/dyspraxia- we do not offer service for assessment of this condition. **Note:** we will offer a single general consultation with neurological examination to exclude an organic cause for co-ordination difficulties, by specific request from GP.
- Specific learning difficulties – Dyslexia is an Educational issue.
- Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome query in a child older than 5 years – refer to CAMHS.
- Learning difficulties – academic difficulties in school aged children should be assessed by the school SENCO and/or Educational Psychologists.
- Suspected ADHD > 5years without learning disability– refer to CAMHS.
- Self-harming or suspected eating disorder – refer to CAMHS.

Making a Referral:

- Please use the Referral Form
- Enclose all relevant reports that are available
 - Previous paediatric assessments
 - Education reports
 - Therapy reports
 - Social work reports
 - CAF forms
 - Hospital discharge summaries