



Autism Referral Pathways

Initial Concern

- Features of possible autism noted by health, education or social care professional
 - School has used the SEND indicators tool and put support in place, but has not been very successful
- Discussions with CYP/family – autistic features causing significant problems/concern

Without delay, education staff should follow SEND processes based on assessment of need

Does the child/young person have significant developmental delay/features of learning disability?

YES

For CYP with significant developmental delay/learning disability:

- Referral to Community Paediatrics (OUH) for consideration of underlying medical condition (e.g. genetic/neurological)

NO

How old is the child/young person?

Age 2-4 years

Age 5-17 years

Referral to CAMHS NDC for autism assessment

Targeted Health Visitor assessment of development

Referral to Community Paediatrics (OUH) for autism assessment

Helpful Resources:

National Autistic Society

A helpful starting point with information and links to other trusted support

May I Join You?

To support interaction and communication skills development in younger children

Carol Gray – Social Stories

Social stories - a tool to help autistic children understand situations, be prepared and know what to do

Child Feeding Guide

Support with eating difficulties - award-winning tools and support to make mealtimes with children easier

Sleep Advice Service - Cerebra

Support with sleep

Oxfordshire SEND Local Offer

Support and services for children and young people in Oxfordshire with additional needs from 0-25