

Welcome to the first Community Paediatric newsletter. This is a quarterly newsletter for primary care and 0-19 services to update on any changes to our service, support you in managing neurodisability in the community and build up working relationships between primary and secondary care. In each edition we will look at one area of our work in detail and advise you on our role and what support is available in the community for children/young people and their families. In this first edition we will introduce our team and advise which patients should be referred to us and how to make a referral.

Our service

Who are we?

Our team is part of the integrated paediatric services at Barnsley Hospital. We provide care for children and young people up to the age of 16 (18 for autism assessments and young people in specialist settings). We are based at New Street Health Centre but work throughout Barnsley in peripheral clinics.

Community Paediatric Medical Team

Dr S Sivaramakrishan, Consultant, Clinical Lead & Lead for ASD pathway

Dr A Nussbaumer, Consultant, Designated Doctor for Looked After Children and Medical Advisor to the Adoption Panel

Dr A Oliver, Consultant, Medical Advisor to Adoption Panel and Lead for SEND

Dr L Mohamed, Consultant, Lead for Transition

Dr F Blyth, Consultant

Dr C Enevoldson, Consultant

Dr J Dixit, Speciality Doctor

Dr Tumi, Consultant in acute and community

Dr Moussa, Associate Specialist, Paediatric Enuresis

We also have a number of training doctors in our department

Children's Neurodisability Specialist Nursing Team

Terrie McNiffe, Lead Children's Specialist Nurse

Andrea Robinson, Specialist Nurse

Helen Fagg, Specialist Nurse

Debbie Buckingham, Specialist Nursery Nurse for Neurodisability

Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment Team (ASDAT)

Matt Smith, Specialist Autism Practitioner

Philippa Berry, Specialist Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist

Sue Morley, Specialist Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist

Helen Cooper, Specialist Paediatric Speech & Language Therapist

Our Service

Our service is split in to three main areas, Community Paediatric Services, Autism Assessment and Diagnosis Services and Looked after and Adoption Services.

What Do We Assess?

Community Paediatrics

- Global developmental delay (2 or more areas of following affected: speech, gross motor and fine motor)
- Isolated Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties – only from Speech therapists
- Isolated Motor Delays (Gross/Fine) - if referral has also been made to physiotherapy/occupational therapy
- Enuresis – age 5-16 and UTI ruled out. Nocturnal enuresis referrals will only be accepted by 0-19 service after they have completed first-line treatments.
- Sleep difficulties if a child/young person has a diagnosis of autism **and** family have accessed first line support such as support from a sleep practitioner, sleep support service or attended a sleep workshop.

Autism Assessment and Services

- Autism assessment for children aged under age of 18 registered with a Barnsley GP.

Looked after children's and Adoption Services

- Initial health assessment requested by social care
- Adoption medicals requested by social care
- Adult health assessments for adoption, fostering and special guardianship requested by social care

What services don't we provide?

- ADHD assessment, support or medication – please contact CAMHS
- Paediatric Epilepsy – please refer to epilepsy service in acute paediatrics
- Behaviour difficulties - please refer to school/nursery, 0-19 service or family centre
- Sleep support for children without a diagnosis of autism – please refer to 0-19 service or family centre
- Sensory processing difficulties - please refer to Occupational therapy
- Follow-up clinics for looked after children. All looked after children should be referred to the appropriate service as for any child.

How to refer to our service

Community Paediatrics

Referral criteria:

- Registered with a Barnsley GP and under the age of 16 in mainstream school or 18 if in specialist provision
- Is a service we assess (see above section 'What do we assess')

If meets **both** criteria then complete the electronic referral form in the 'Professional Resources Section' on our community paediatric website (www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/services/community-paediatrics).

Please note **no** paper copy, letters or choose and book referrals are accepted. **All sections** of the form must be **completed in full**.

ASDAT

Referral criteria:

- Registered with a Barnsley GP and under the age of 18
- Is a service we assess (see above section 'What do we assess')

If meets **both** criteria then complete a paper copy ASDAT referral form. This is found in the 'Professional Resources Section' on our website (www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/services/community-paediatrics).

Please note an **Early Health Assessment needs to be in place** and **all sections of the form need to be completed in full**.

If you have questions about a referral to our service please contact us to discuss on 01226 644876.