

Further information

If you would like further information on the service, you can get in touch with us below.

Community Paediatrics

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Please note ALL referrals and related enquiries should be sent to:

✉ whh-tr.islchildrensreferrals@nhs.net
☎ 02033161877



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Welcome to Islington
Community Paediatrics

Referral Guide



What is the Community Paediatrics Service?

The Community Paediatric Service is for Islington children and young people who have a neurodisability or a possible developmental disorder. We also provide the medical input to the Children Looked After (CLA) service.

Remit of the Developmental Paediatrician within Community Paediatrics and when to refer.

- We accept referrals of children with **global developmental delay** or **learning/intellectual disability**. We investigate these children for an underlying cause. We subsequently discharge these children from our caseload unless ongoing medical surveillance of the diagnosed underlying cause is required (Down Syndrome, Williams Syndrome).
- We diagnose children with **ASD, DCD (Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Coordination Disorder,) and ADHD**. We subsequently discharge these children unless they are on medical treatment for ADHD. We accept referrals for the medical treatment of ADHD. *
- We provide medical surveillance for children with certain **genetic syndromes** (Down syndrome, Williams syndrome).
- We follow up children with **neurological conditions whose motor skills are significantly affected** (cerebral palsy, neuromuscular diseases).
- We see children who attend the **specialist schools** (Richard Cloudesley School and Bridge School/ILS) and we do this on site.

- We treat **sleep onset latency** in children with neurological conditions or developmental disorders with Melatonin if suitable. We accept referrals for children with sleep onset latency provided they also have a developmental or neurological condition.

**Of note - referrals for a possible diagnosis and/or medical treatment of ADHD (at any age) or for a possible diagnosis of ASD (over the age of 5) are dealt with by the CAMHS team, which has developmental paediatricians as part of the team. Referrals are ideally directed to this team (NDP team) or we will pass on the referral to them.*

Which referrals are not accepted?

We do not;

- See children purely for developmental follow up/regular developmental assessments etc.
- See children who are falling behind at school without any specific red flags for ASD, DCD or ADHD. If the child is found to have an intellectual/learning disability (by the educational psychologist for example) we will accept a referral for this child for investigations into the potential underlying cause of this intellectual/learning disability.
- Accept referrals for possible dyslexia.
- Accept referrals for behavioural difficulties in children who have already been diagnosed with ASD, DCD or ADHD or have already been investigated for their global developmental delay. These referrals should be directed to CAMHS.

- Accept referrals for health problems in children who happen to also have a developmental disorder (such as ASD or ADHD) or learning difficulties/disability. These referrals should be directed to general paediatrics (based at the hospital).
- Accept referrals for children for a health problem purely because they also have difficulties with their mental health, being adequately parented, or with their schooling. These referrals should be directed to general paediatrics (based at the hospital).
- We do not see children to coordinate the care provided by other medical or surgical specialties.

Who can refer and how?

We accept referrals from a wide range of health and educational professionals working with children; GPs, Health Visitors, General Paediatricians, Therapists (PT, OT and SLT), CAMHS professionals, nursery and school.

We have a generic wider service referral template but we also accept regular non template referrals.

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