

Community Child Health Department - Referral Criteria.

The Community Child Health team will accept referrals from professionals working in all areas for the following:

- Developmental delay in 2 or more domains (global developmental delay) once the child has been referred to other therapy services eg, speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, audiology.
- Children below the age of 5 years where there is concern around social communication or interaction or suspected autism spectrum disorder.
- Children 5 years and below with significant unexplained challenging behaviour or behavioural difficulties, once parents have agreed to and a place has been attained on a parenting course.
- Children with isolated speech and language delay will be accepted from speech and language therapists only, following an assessment and hearing test.
- Children with isolated fine or gross motor delay once they have been referred to the appropriate therapy service ie occupational or physiotherapy.
- Children with suspected or diagnosed genetic abnormalities or syndromes.
- Children and young people with daytime, secondary or refractory primary nocturnal enuresis. Referrals for refractory primary nocturnal enuresis will be accepted from the school nursing team only.
- Children with epilepsy.
- Children **over the age of 12 months** from hospital paediatricians, with predominant neurodevelopmental problems **without** on-going major medical needs for co-ordination of care and further management.
- Children **under the age of 12 months** from hospital paediatricians with neurodevelopmental problems **without** on-going major medical problems will be considered on a case by case basis. These children can be discussed at weekly Barnsley Child development team meetings (BCDT) at New Street HC on Tuesdays 12:15 to 1:00pm by the hospital paediatrician either in person or by prior arrangement by faxing the details to community paediatrics. Some children in this cohort will need shared care between community and hospital paediatric team.

The team will no longer accept referrals for developmental assessments where there is no concern around development. If a referral is made for a developmental assessment by a hospital paediatrician the team will no longer arrange to review the child following the assessment.