

Neuro Developmental Conditions (NDC) Pathway

What you can expect from your child's assessment



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Pre-assessment information

There are lots of forms that will need to be completed by you and school prior to assessment. It is important that we collect this information as it helps us decide on the assessment package that best meets your child's needs.

We routinely screen for all neurodevelopmental conditions (including Autism, ADHD and Tourette's) irrespective of the reason for the initial referral.

Assessment

The assessment offered varies depending on clinical need. To complete the assessment, we will need to gather information in a variety of ways which may include:

- meeting with the young person and relevant family members
- use of standardised assessments methods such as: the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS), Qb Test (for ADHD)
- speaking to other professionals, including teaching staff
- school observations

We will attempt to complete the clinic assessment in one day, however, when we are dependent on information from outside agencies, this may sometimes not be possible.

What will happen at the first appointment

You and your child will meet with one or more members of the team to explore the current challenges that you are facing. Each meeting can take up to 2 hours to complete and there may be more than one meeting in one day. You will have the opportunities to take a break, and it is a good idea to bring a snack, drink and your child's favourite gadget.

You child may also receive a basic physical examination e.g. height and weight measurement. Blood tests are not required . If you feel it would be helpful to speak to a clinician without your child present, please inform the clinician of this. We cannot provide supervision of your child in these circumstances so you will also need to bring along a relative or friend to supervise them.

What will happen afterwards

You will be offered a one hour feedback appointment, usually a week after the assessment.

All the information gathered will be discussed in a multi-disciplinary team meeting. You will be advised if any additional information is needed before your feedback appointment, All families will receive a comprehensive written report within a month of attending the clinic. A copy of your report will be sent to your child's GP. You may share your child's report with other professionals should you wish to do so.

Queries

If you have any questions about your appointment, please get in touch. You can contact the team directly on 01865 902447.

Concerns and complaints

We aim to provide you with a high quality service at all times. However, if you have any concerns, complaints or comments about your experience of our service then please tell a member of the team or contact the patient advice and liaison service on freephone: 0800 328 7971.

If you would like to have information translated into a different language, please contact the Equality and Diversity Team at: EqualityandInclusion@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Arabic يُرجى الاتصال بنا إذا كنتم ترغبون في الحصول على المعلومات بلغة أخرى أو بتنسيق مختلف.

Bengali আপনি এই তথ্য অন্য ভাষায় বা আলাদা আকারে পেতে চাইলে অনুগ্রহ করে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।
Urdu اگر آپ یہ معلومات دیگر زبان یا مختلف فارمیٹ میں چاہتے ہیں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔

Chinese 若要以其他語言或格式提供這些資訊，請與我們聯繫

Polish Aby uzyskać informacje w innym języku lub w innej formie, skontaktuj się z nami.

Portuguese Queira contactar-nos se pretender as informações noutra idioma ou num formato diferente.

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Warneford Hospital
Warneford Lane
Headington
Oxford
OX3 7JX

Switchboard 01865 901 000
Email enquiries@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
Website www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Become a member of our Foundation Trust
www.ohftnhs.uk/membership