# Information for Parents on the Assessment and Diagnosis Process for Neurodevelopmental Conditions

If your GP or person who works with your child suspects your child has a Neurodevelopmental Condition (NDC)* they will send a referral to the Referral Management Centre

Once received, the referral is triaged against a list of criteria by a team of Nurses within 3 days of receipt

If your child's symptoms or behaviours DO meet the criteria, your referral will be accepted. You and the person who sent the referral will receive a letter confirming this.

If your child's symptoms or behaviours DO NOT meet the criteria, your referral will rejected. The person who sent the referral will receive a letter stating why the referral was rejected. This may be because there was not enough evidence to support the referral and they will need to provide this.

If the RMC Nurses are satisfied with the evidence they will progress the referral to the Community Paediatric Team

If your child still does not meet the criteria, you may be signposted to the Swindon Local Offer for information on where to obtain help locally or referred to another service

Your referral will be sent to the Community Paediatric Team who will hold a meeting with other professionals to discuss who will be best to see your child in the first instance

You will receive an appointment* to meet with your allocated clinician. You may need more than one appointment with more than one clinician. There is no set time as to how long this stage will take.

*You could expect to wait up to 18 months for an appointment

When all the assessments have taken place, you will be asked to attend an appointment with a Paediatrician who will explain the diagnosis and care pathway for your child.

*NDCs are a group of conditions starting in the early developmental period of a child, usually evident before the child begins school

Conditions include:

- Global developmental delay/LD
- ASD
- ADHD
- Genetic syndromes
- Motor delays/ disabilities
- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Tic disorders

Whatever the diagnosis, please visit Swindon's Local Offer for information on where you can obtain support locally