

## **ADHD Screening Triage – Guidance Information (1)**

Before you consider completing the Neurodevelopmental Checklist please consider the following information

- In line with NICE guidelines, when a child or young person with disordered conduct and suspected ADHD is referred to a school's special educational needs coordinator (SENCO), the SENCO, in addition to helping the child with their behaviour, should inform the parents about local parent-training/education programmes.
- Ensure the age of the child is over 6 years old
- Guidance information (2) on attachment
- Would a referral to Early Help be advised for supporting the family with strategies to manage the child's behaviour?
- Would a referral to Educational Psychology be advised to ascertain any specific learning difficulties?
- Would a referral to a Paediatrician be advised for any undiagnosed physical health need?
- Would a referral to Speech and Language be advised for any undiagnosed language disorder?
- Would a referral to Headstart be advisable (age 10years+) for support around self-esteem/self-confidence, counselling, anger management, anxiety?
- Would a referral to Contact Point be advisable for support around anxiety, low mood, behavioural issues, self-harm or trauma?
- Please be aware that this would be a routine referral and any concerns around risk including active self-harm, suicidal thoughts or violent behaviour should trigger a separate referral to Contact Point for advice and support.

If, after considering all the related information, you feel a referral for a specialist ADHD assessment is still required, please then complete the Neurodevelopmental checklist and support/request parents to do the same and upload all relevant referral information and reports onto the online referral form.

Please at any time, contact the specialist nurses to discuss a referral if you are unsure whether they meet the criteria, they will be able to listen to your concerns and advise accordingly.