



NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

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Date

Dear xxxx

Re: NHS No xxxxx

You are currently on a waiting list for neurodevelopmental assessment under the care of Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Hospital Trust (RDaSH). You attended/ requested an appointment to request a change of healthcare Provider under Right to Choose.

The Right to Choose applies when a patient is referred for a first consultant led outpatient appointment. In Rotherham GPs cannot make referrals for Children's Neurodevelopment Assessment to Providers under Choice.

If you have been waiting for longer than 18 weeks for your first consultant led appointment you have the legal right to choose the specialist NHS service provider you are seen by.

The options are:

- 1. Referral to the local NHS Neurodevelopmental assessment service (RDaSH) which offers assessment and ongoing care if you are prescribed medication through a shared care protocol with GPs.** (Shared care is when the care and treatment of your condition is shared by your specialist and your GP. It means the treatment started by your specialist can be taken over by your GP. Shared care can only be done if you, your specialist and your GP agree to it. GPs do not have to agree to shared care,

Providers of Choice may expect GPs to enter a shared care protocol but this is very unlikely.

- 2. Referral to an NHS Right to Choose service provider that offers assessment only.** (Choice providers may offer options for post-diagnostic care including medication but this may not be through a shared care protocol with GPs).

If you do not enact your right to choose you will automatically be referred for your first outpatient appointment to the commissioned service provider in Rotherham for Neurodevelopment Assessments (RDaSH).

If you would like to enact the Right to Choose you will need to identify and contact your provider of choice.

NHS South Yorkshire ICB does not yet have a published List of Choice Providers for Neurodevelopmental Assessments. Until all due diligence is completed, NHS South Yorkshire is unable to provide full details of whether these Providers accept Adults or Children and Young People and what type of Neurodevelopmental Assessment they can provide. The Choice providers known to South Yorkshire ICB are; ADHD 360, Clinical Partners, Dr J & Colleagues, Evolve, Mind Professionals, and Oakdale Therapies.

There are other providers who may be able to offer choice.

There is a guide to help parent(s)/ family consider the options and make a choice. [NHS Choice Framework - what choices are available to you in your NHS care - GOV.UK](#)

A Provider of Choice must be accredited with South Yorkshire ICB as meeting the following criteria:

1. have an existing contract in place to deliver the same assessment with the NHS (either an ICB or directly with NHS England)
2. must have a named consultant or clinical lead.

To make an informed choice you might want to ask your Provider of Choice:

- To confirm they are an accredited Provider of Choice with South Yorkshire ICB
- What the current waiting times are
- Whether or not a Provider is able to assess for all aspects of Neurodevelopment including ADHD, ASD (or both).
- How the Provider of Choice will keep your GP informed about your care and treatment including medication.
- Options for post-diagnostic care including medication and shared care arrangements.

If you make the decision to enact the right to choose with a specific Provider of Choice, you will need to contact the provider and confirm you wish to choose them as your NHS SY Accredited Choice Provider.

The Choice Provider, with your consent will confirm with the relevant NHS SY Place that they are an accredited choice provider and have been selected as a provider of Choice.

NHS SY Rotherham Place will contact the Rotherham Neurodevelopmental Pathway (RDaSH) and the Choice Provider to confirm the Choice Provider is accredited.

The Choice Provider will contact the Rotherham Neurodevelopmental Pathway (RDaSH) to arrange the transfer of care.

Only one organisation/ provider can be responsible for the care of the person – this means you cannot be on more than one provider's waiting list.

The Provider of Choice should inform me, as your GP, that you are under their care and treatment.

Yours Sincerely,