Dear Parent,

Referring your child for an assessment for possible ADHD/Autism when registered with a Rotherham GP is complex.

Attached is a flowchart which does contain more detail, but in summary:

Step 1 the child needs to go through a screening process first which is organised by a neurodiversity team within CAMHS and can take up to 4 weeks. See <https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/rotherham/neurodevelopment-asd-adhd/> for more information on the process and to download the information packs for parents and your school to fill in and send . ( if your Child is homeschooled or goes to a Sheffield school then email rdash.rotherham-camhs-neuro@nhs.net for support)

Step 2 if the screening is positive then your child will be placed in a queue for a formal assessment by the neurodiversity team. At this point If you would like to be referred under ‘ Right to Choose’ rules then you will need to investigate the providers yourself and then get your Right to choose provider to contact the neurodiversity team on rdash.rotherham-camhs-neuro@nhs.net to transfer the care. Despite what the Right to Choose provider might tell you, your GP cannot refer a child for a neurodiversity assessment from Rotherham.

Considerations – not all Right to Choose providers are accredited or provide medication and support post diagnosis. Rotherham GP’s will generally NOT prescribe medication for ADHD from Right to Choose providers under a shared care agreement.

I hope this helps to clarify the process.

Any further questions please see <https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/rotherham/neurodevelopment-asd-adhd/> or contact rdash.rotherham-camhs-neuro@nhs.net,

Yours Sincerely,

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