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Standard Operating Procedures for accessing health services

Referrals for Speech and language therapy

• Referral form

Referrals for the Neuro Developmental Pathway

- Referrals should be made using the School-Age ND Pathway referral form. Referrals must be made with the knowledge and consent of the person(s) with parental responsibility for the child or young person
- The service does not accept self-referrals. The child or young person being referred must have a GP in Blackpool Fylde or Wyre, and evidence of targeted interventions already in place must be detailed in the referral
- All referrals go to the Neurodevelopmental Pathway clinical lead and will be triaged with one of the pathway consultants. If accepted the pathway coordinator will contact the families to discuss the process and to start gathering further information about the child or young person prior to their assessment with one of the 6 pathway consultants
- A referral can be made by an involved professional, or via a school Teacher/SENDCO
- Referral form

Referrals for Blenheim

- Referral form
- The referral will then be triaged by the multidisciplinary team and a timeframe allocated for an appointment. Some children will
 need to be seen urgently and this is decided at triage so please include as much detail as possible about the child's strengths and
 areas of need

Referral for Options4CYP (Options4CYP is the umbrella name for the NHS mental health support team)

- In the first instance, schools to have a conversation with their Primary Mental Health Worker and/ or Education Mental Health Practitioner. They will be able to advise schools around making a referral.
- Professionals can request a referral form from bfwh.options4cyp@nhs.net.

Referrals for physiotherapy

- Referrals will not be accepted from parents/carers or educational settings.
- The Paediatric Physiotherapy Service accepts referrals from the following professionals: Doctors, Consultants, Allied Health Professionals, Health Visitors

Referrals for occupational therapy

- Referrals will not be accepted from parents/carers or educational settings.
- The paediatric occupational therapy service accepts referrals from the following professionals: doctors, allied health
 professionals, ward sisters, specialist nursing, the children's community nursing team, health visitors and 'Single Point of Entry'
 referrals or social worker (home assessment only)

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