

# Your child has been referred to the

# ADHD Diagnostic Pathway

## Your child has been referred to Alder Hey for consideration of access to the ADHD Diagnostic Pathway.

The referral will be logged onto the ADHD Diagnostic Pathway.

This information will be presented to a multi-disciplinary triage team for triage

**A decision will be made about what will happen next for your child and you will receive a letter from the ADHD Diagnostic Pathway team explaining that you will receive an appointment letter for a Neurodevelopmental Assessment (ND Assessment) with one of the Neurodevelopmental Practitioners (ND Practitioner) from the ADHD team at Alder Hey.**

The ND Assessment appointment will last approximately an hour. **Child attending appointment.**

You may wish to bring photocopies of any supporting documents including nursery reports, school reports, social work reports, after school club documents or anything else you feel is useful. These will be kept in your child's case notes.

Sometimes parents / carers find that their minds go blank during the assessment as there is a lot to cover. It is sometimes useful, to look back at photographs or to think of relevant milestones such as first Christmas etc... to trigger memories.

It may be helpful to think about or make a list of your child's early milestones, such as walking, talking, first words. Also thinking about their play and the toys that they played with. If you have any examples of your child's misunderstandings, such as literal thinking, their understanding of jokes and sarcasm or reactions in social situations, these could be useful.

You will also be given questionnaires to be taken away - one to be completed at home and one to be completed by your child's school. You should return the se to the ND Practitioner at Alder Hey using the pre-addressed envelope.

The ND Practitioner (keyworker) will collate all the information from the ND Assessment and questionnaires given by yourself and other professionals about your child.

This information will go forward to the ADHD Panel who will decide whether:

- Further tests will be required eg a QB Test, which is an objective measure for ADHD as a Continuous Performance Test on a computer
- A school observational visit needs to be undertaken
- Further history is required
- A combination of the above
- Your child fulfils the criteria for an ADHD diagnosis. You may receive a telephone call from one of the ADHD team to give you this information. You will be invited to a ADHD diagnostic clinic to discuss the diagnosis and next steps for your child. A referral will be made to the ADHD Foundation.

If your child does not meet the criteria for an ADHD diagnosis, they may be discharged from the ADHD Pathway and referred, and or signposted, to other pathways or services.