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Dear Parents and carers,

If you are waiting for your child to be assessed for Autism or ADHD (via CAMHS), you will have recently received a letter explaining to you the current waiting list times. We are writing with some advice to support the information which you were sent in this letter.

On the letter, you are signposted to where support can be accessed and importantly introduces the option of contacting our new Neurodiversity (ND) right to choose navigators. Under national legislation, those on the waiting list have the right to choose a different provider to undertake an assessment, although capacity in these alternative providers is also limited. The neurodiversity position in Leeds is a priority and we will continue to work with partners to improve this for children and young people.

In short, if a young person or family wants to go down the right to choose pathway, they will be supported by the right to choose navigators to complete the referral form and then forward to a provider of their choice. Providers have been contacted in the region to advise to expect this and to accept if appropriate the referral from our navigators for those on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list in Leeds; ordinarily this would usually have come from their GP.

Due to current waiting times, schools are unable to complete referrals. We are however able to provide you with copies of reports and plans in place in school to support your child.

If you still have concerns, please contact the team who are dealing with these assessments on 0113 843 2737 or email address: lcht.ndqueries@nhs.net. The telephone line will be available 4 days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 – 5 p.m., and email 5 days a week.

Kind regards,

Mrs E. Patterson

