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## Treating Children with PANS or PANDAS

### Request

**Please could you send me under the FOI act any pathway or guidance the hospital has for treating children with PANS or PANDAS including treatment options? Please could you also let me know which teams would treat these cohort of children and whether an MDT would be needed and who would be part of the MDT?**

### Response

“Investigation and management of PANS or PANDAS in children in Northern Ireland is carried out by a multidisciplinary team including local paediatricians, child and adolescent mental health teams and paediatric neurologists. This may include input from appropriate specialist nurses and allied health professionals such as physiotherapists. There is not a dedicated multi-disciplinary team for PANS or PANDAS and professionals are drawn from existing teams when the diagnosis is raised as a possibility. There is no dedicated pathway in Northern Ireland. There is no guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence or from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. The British Paediatric Neurology Association has issued a consensus statement which helps to guide practice.”