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Treatment and diagnostic pathways for PANS/PANDAS

Please could you send me under the FOI act details on whether your treatment and diagnostic pathways have changed for patients presenting/ diagnosed with PANS/PANDAS since the BPNA update in February 2023?

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 within Belfast Health & Social Care Trust 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