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PROCESS FOR RATIFYING A PRIVATE DIAGNOSIS FOR ADHD AND CRITERIA USED

Could you please advise on the process for the Belfast Trust ratifying a private diagnosis of ADHD and the criteria used?

All ADHD referrals received by the Community Paediatrics service are reviewed and, if they meet NICE guidance, they are accepted onto the waiting list. The clinical lead advises that this means that there is evidence of a good neurodevelopmental history, the use of standardised questionnaires and an examination by an appropriately qualified person.

The service will accept a private diagnosis from the vast majority of local private providers.

The patient does not need to have another assessment with community Paediatricians but they do need to wait to be seen within the service. Patients are added to the waiting list in chronological order within clinical priority.

Sometimes the Clinicians will ask for the patients to undertake additional tests, for example a QB test (diagnostic screening tool) as a baseline if they have not had one privately.