



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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Feedback from Russell Outen-Coe who is the Designated Clinical Officer for SEND.

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We are aware that Community Paediatric waits for ADHD diagnostics are much longer than we would like and recognise that this is a national issue as well.

A number of internal ULHT actions have been taken at significant cost to the provider which has resulted in running additional clinics but this has had minimal impact.

During COVID 19 clinics were run remotely and this appears to have led to a high rate of families not attending. As face-to-face appointments have increased, the rate of non-attendance has reduced.

One of the issues that Community Paediatricians face is having to attend various MDT meetings which means they have less time for seeing patients. ULHT are currently carrying out an internal review and job planning for their consultants and looking at changing the skill mix of the team which is predominantly medical and looking at roles that can be safely carried by others such as nursing.

The Trust have a programme of speaking to other providers to review their model of community paediatrics and benchmarking their service against the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health standards for the service. Professional referrals to Community Paediatrics are accepted from primary care, hospital and community health professionals, schools, or the Local Authority or via the Single point of access if there are mental health concerns, when referrals are seen by both the community paediatric and CAMHS team.

As well as what ULHT are doing internally, we have recognised this as one of our system priorities and it has been added to our 5-year work plan for 2023 to 2028.

We know there will not be sadly an immediate quick fix but we are committed to developing pathways that are compliant with best practice and which are easier for families to access with shorter waiting times.