



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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Feedback from the Designated Clinical Officer for SEND

Parents Voice Report April – June 24

Page 25 & 44–Private Assessments

I am unable to comment on private reports as by default they are commissioned privately and the NHS has no jurisdiction or oversight of the content.

Page 26 & 31 ASD & Paeds Waiting times

We are aware that Community Paediatric waits for ADHD/ASD diagnostics and other services are much longer than we would like and recognise that this is very much 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 due to the huge increase in referrals. 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. So, as well as what ULHT are doing, Lincolnshire ICB has recognised this as one of our system priorities and it has been added to our 5-year work plan for 2023 to 2028 - however this work has been expedited and we have been working hard to develop a response.

There is a huge commitment to developing pathways that are compliant with best practice and which are easier for families to access with shorter waiting times.

Page 35 & 36 Parents Frustrations

Professional referrals to Community Paediatrics are accepted from primary care (GP network), 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.

Page 42 –PDA

We have numerous requests around support for Demand Avoidance or PDA in the county. Whilst PDA is not listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders it can cause functional impairment and interfere with the individual's quality of life. . Therefore, in response the ICB and Local Authority have commissioned our Behavioural Specialist to develop a Demand Avoidance workshop for families in Lincolnshire which is currently being developed and is expected to go live in the winter of 24/25.

Page 47—WTT Ladder

The Working Together Team is a National Autistic Society Beacon Status Accredited Service. They advocate best practice and provide specialist support to empower mainstream settings to ensure autistic children & young people thrive through collaborative working with families and professionals. There is a huge increase in requests for support for CYP with Autism across the board which is reflected in the increase in referrals to the WTT.