

Educational Services

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Dear Parents and Carers

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

From the 1 August 2023, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are now working in line with the Scottish Government National CAMHS Specification.

This means they are no longer able to accept referrals for children where there is not a significant mental health concern.

We are committed to ensuring support and guidance is available for children with neurodevelopmental concerns and significant work has been undertaken across Ayrshire to address this.

Within South Ayrshire, local strategic and implementation groups have been set up and a pilot pathway for supporting children with neurodevelopmental concerns is currently being developed. To ensure the pathway is helpful and effective, we are now progressing to testing it out with a small number of referrals and will be doing this within two areas of South Ayrshire. We hope to then be able to roll this out across the area soon and further communications will follow with regards to this.

Please note that the pilot pathway referred to in this letter is in relation to additional advice, guidance and support. This is not a pathway for neurodevelopmental assessment at this stage, however work is also underway developing this and further communication will follow in the near future regarding this.

Yours sincerely

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