

Live now - Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Right to Choose Accredited Provider Framework

The ICB Children's Commissioning team has been working on a project to establish an accredited list of Right to Choose providers for children's Autism/ADHD assessments in Norfolk and Waveney.

The increasing demand and lengthy waiting times are prompting more families to request referrals to a Right to Choose provider. There are numerous challenges in managing the current Right to Choose referrals, including identifying which providers hold eligible contracts and the absence of shared care arrangements for prescribing.

To address these challenges, we have undertaken a procurement process, inviting organisations to apply to be listed as Accredited Providers of Neurodevelopmental Assessments for children aged 6-18 in Norfolk and Waveney. To be included on the accredited list, providers must demonstrate that they deliver NICE-compliant, face-to-face assessments.

Four providers have been successful and are now accepting assessments.

Provider Name	Services available
Help for Psychology	Autism Assessment ADHD Assessment Dual Assessment Provider can offer initiation and titration of ADHD medication following assessment.
The Owl Centre	Autism Assessment ADHD Assessment Dual Assessment Provider can offer initiation and titration of ADHD medication following assessment.
Evolve Psychology	Autism Assessment ADHD Assessment Dual Assessment *Note: if ADHD Prescribing is recommended following diagnosis, patient would need onward referral to NCHC/JPH. (Evolve Psychology can make this referral directly but it will incur further waits for the patient)
Paloma Health	Autism Assessment only

Referral Process

A single, standard referral form for all accredited providers is available via EMIS/SystmOne.

This dedicated Knowledge NoW webpage provides information on all the providers.
[NHS Right to Choose Neurodevelopmental Services for Children and Young People : Information for Primary Care - Knowledge NoW \(nwknowledge.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nwknowledge.nhs.uk)

A "What to Expect" leaflet for families has been produced and is available on the Knowledge NoW webpage. This leaflet is a resource for parents, carers, and young people when a Right to Choose referral has been made.

Prescribing and Transition Pathways

Two of the new providers can initiate and titrate medication in accordance with the Norfolk and Waveney Treatment of ADHD prescribing guidance. Shared care arrangements are available for these providers; it is the responsibility of the provider to complete the shared care request paperwork and send it to the GP. The Accredited Provider will remain responsible for the medication reviews for the child or young person.

For providers who cannot prescribe, onward referral arrangements are in place with Norfolk Community Health and Care or The James Paget University Hospital when required. These referrals will be completed by the Accredited Provider, and no action will be needed from the GP.

For young people on ADHD medication who are approaching the age of 18, transition arrangements with NSFT have been agreed to ensure the continuation of treatment. These referrals will also be completed by the Accredited Provider, requiring no further action from the GP.

Waiting Times

Providers are expected to contact children within 4 weeks of referral and begin the initial assessment within 18 weeks. Waiting times for all providers will be updated on a quarterly basis on the Knowledge NoW webpage.

Further information

If you need further information, please contact nwicb.cypm@nhs.net