**From 1st November 2024 - NHS Right to Choose Neurodevelopmental Services for Children and Young People – Information for Primary Care**

**Accreditation Framework for Right to Choose Providers**

Norfolk and Waveney ICB have invited independent suppliers of Children and Young People’s Neurodevelopmental Assessment Services to apply to be part of the Norfolk and Waveney Accreditation Framework.

The framework is a list of approved suppliers who have successfully evidenced that they meet the Norfolk and Waveney ICB quality benchmark, this includes NICE compliant assessment models involving multi-disciplinary teams and face-to-face assessments **for children aged 6-18years.**

**Norfolk and Waveney Accredited Providers of Right to Choose Children and Young People’s Assessments**

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| **Provider** **Name** | **Services available** | **Email address for referrals** | **waiting times Nov 2024** |
| **The Owl** **Centre** | **Autism Assessment****ADHD Assessment****Dual Assessment****Provider can offer initiation and titration of ADHD medication following assessment.**  | Owl.norfolk@nhs.net  | **Up to 18 weeks** |
| **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)** | evolveps.administration@nhs.net  | **Up to 18 weeks** |
| **Paloma** **Health** | **Autism Assessment only** | paloma.health@nhs.net | **Up to 18 weeks** |

**What is the referral process?**

1. Choose your provider from the above list.
2. Let your GP know which provider you have chosen.
3. GP to complete the referral form.
4. Email it to the chosen provider listed above.

**Referrals can only be made by a GP.**

**What if the patient is requesting a referral from a provider who is not listed above**

NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB are aware that there are other providers who also provide services for other NHS Integrated Care Boards. However, the ICB are unable to advise on the quality of these providers as there has been no local quality assurance.

It should be noted that if these providers advise that medication might be appropriate, it may not be possible to arrange this through local NHS services.

For children and young people up to 18 years, if your provider of choice is not part of the accredited framework, please send details of your proposed chosen provider with a contact name to nwicb.cypm@nhs.net NHS Norfolk and Waveney will need to be assured that the provider holds an NHS contract for services included in the request

Please bear in mind that there is no guarantee your request will be accepted by the providers.

**Are the usual NHS referral routes still available?**

**Yes**. The patient and/or their representative can still choose the NHS commissioned pathways as described on Knowledge NoW.