

Paediatric referral triage guidelines

<p>Immediate Send to emergency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Sick' child • Acute or significant deterioration/dysfunction • Major risk if urgent treatment delayed • Oncology • New onset Type 1 diabetes 	
Priority Criteria	Criteria	Examples (used in conjunction with clinical judgement and other patient variables such as co-morbidities)
<p>Category 1 (Cat 1)</p> <p>i. Appointment within thirty days is desirable</p> <p>ii. Condition has potential to have significant impact on quality of life or require more complex or emergent care if assessment is delayed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral suggest if child is not reviewed and treatment commenced within 30 days an acute deterioration is possible • Moderate functional impairment • Unexpected clinical deterioration of known disorder if non acute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neonatal FTT • Neonatal murmur with no signs of cardiac failure • Epilepsy or first seizure (non-acute) • Concerning lab results, e.g. Anaemia. • Complex tertiary hospital discharge referrals
<p>Category 2 (Cat 2)</p> <p>i. Appointment within ninety (90 days is desirable)</p> <p>ii. Condition has potential to impact on quality of life and require more complex care if assessment is delayed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals that do not fit Cat 1 • Includes referral for children under 5 years of age • Chronic conditions with long term implications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic conditions • UTI • FTT • Asthma • Epilepsy • Growth problems • Enuresis • Encopresis • Chronic skin conditions/allergies

<p>Category 3</p> <p>i. Appointments not required within ninety (90) days</p> <p>ii. Condition unlikely to deteriorate quickly</p> <p>iii. Condition is unlikely to require more complex care if assessment is delayed beyond 365 days.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any referral that does not fit Cat 1 or Cat 2 where no progression of symptoms is expected within this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioural Issues School Function Developmental Delay over 6 years Chronic constipation
<p>Conditions not seen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of district – Refer to district Paediatric Service Stable eating disorders (Refer to CYMHS) 	

Note:

The triage category identified for each patient may be subject to change based on an individual case history and clinical urgency.

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