

Neurodevelopmental assessments



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Information about your appointments

Our team will offer you (the caregiver/parent) and your child a number of different appointments to complete the assessment.

Appointments may be with just yourself, just your child, or you and your child together.

How long do the appointments last?

Appointments vary in length but are usually between 1-2 hours.

Where do the appointments happen?

Appointments will happen via telephone or video call, or at our community clinic base across Doncaster.

What if I can't attend an appointment?

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, or if you or your child no longer wish to continue with the assessment, please contact us as soon as possible on 03000 216460

We will aim to rebook your appointment for another date, or we can offer the appointment to another family on the waiting list if the assessment is no longer required.

What do the appointments involve?

Pre-Assessment

Your child's school/education setting will receive an information pack 3 months before the planned assessment requesting up to date information about your child.

When you have received your initial appointment, you will also be sent an electronic form to complete your child's developmental history (should you need support with this please contact us).

- This will ask you about your child's developmental progress from birth up to now.
- Their early history, e.g. birth and pregnancy, when they reached their milestones (crawling, walking, speaking)

You may find it helpful to look at your child's 'red book', or look at photos or videos, or past school reports to help remind you of your child's progress and behaviours.

Initial Assessment Appointment

During the first appointment we will talk about:

- The reasons for your child's referral into our service
- Your current concerns as a parent/carer and what is working well
- Your child's feelings about the assessment, their strengths, difficulties, and hopes for the future
- Your child's physical and mental health, family life and friendships
- Professionals involved that would be helpful to contact for further information
- Any concerns/information associated with past or present risk factors such as absconding, aggressive behaviour or substance abuse
- Any significant life events for your child or the family

If appropriate, you may wish to invite your child to the beginning of this appointment to give them an opportunity to talk about how they feel about the assessment or ask questions. Following this appointment, we may send you some extra questionnaires, to help give us a further understanding of your child's needs.

We will send you a copy of the agreed assessment care plan for your records.

Other Assessments

As part of our assessment, your child may be asked to attend other appointments. For example:

- to look at their thinking and learning, attention or concentration skills
- to attend a specific autism assessment called an 'ADOS' or 'Migdas'
- to attend a specific ADHD assessment called the 'QbTest'
- if any further information is needed additional assessment appointments may be arranged to complete other assessments including the 'DIVA' for example.

We may ask you, your child or other professionals, such as teachers to complete questionnaires to give us a better picture of your child's needs.

School Assessment

- In some occasions we may need to gather more information via a school observation session

Do I need to bring anything to the appointments?

Your child's glasses and/or hearing aid (if applicable).

When will I know the outcome of the assessment?

We will arrange a feedback appointment with you and your child (depending on age) once all assessments have been completed.

- We will talk to you about the findings of the assessment, make recommendations for next steps and answer any questions you or your child may have.
- After the assessment and feedback appointments have been completed, we will send you a detailed report of the assessment findings with our recommendations.

- Will we ask you to check a draft copy to check we have reported factual information correctly.
- Following this, we will also usually send a copy of the report to your child's school, your child's GP and any other professionals involved in your child's care (e.g. Social Worker).
- We do not currently offer further follow-up appointments with the Neurodevelopmental Assessment Clinicians. However, we will support with onward referrals to other teams and services that have been identified in the assessment process including the Post-Diagnostic Service and CAMHS for example.
- We are currently growing our pre-and post-diagnostic support offer with the recruitment of Neurodevelopmental Practitioners and Neurodevelopmental Support Workers to the pathway. They will deliver a service that is evidence based, follows national guidance, and syncs with assessment pathways to provide group and individual sessions for families, children and young people.

Please check out our website for other frequently asked questions –
 RDaSH Neurodevelopment (rdash.nhs.uk).

If you would like this in large print, braille or on audiotape or would like this document in an alternative language, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 015 4334.

Amharic

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Arabic

إذا أردت الحصول على هذه الوثيقة بالخط الكبير أو بلغة برايل أو على هيئة شريط صوتي أو مترجمة إلى لغة بديلة فيرجى الاتصال بخدمة التنسيق ونصيحة المريض Patient Advice and Liaison Service على رقم الهاتف 0800 015 4334 .

Bengali

আপনি যদি এটা বড় অক্ষরের ছাপায়, ব্রেইল-এ, বা কানে শোনার টেইপ-এ পেতে চান অথবা আপনি যদি এই কাগজটা অন্য কোন ভাষায় পেতে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে 0800 015 4334 নম্বরে পেশেন্ট এ্যাড্‌লাইস এন্ড লিয়েজঁ সার্ভিসের সাথে যোগাযোগ করবেন।

Cantonese (traditional Chinese)

如果你希望本文件是采用大字印刷、盲文或录音磁带等格式，或者希望本文件是使用其它的语言，请联络病患建议与联络服务（Patient Advice and Liaison Service），电话号码：0800 015 4334。

Czech

Pokud byste chtěli dokument psaný většími písmeny, brailovým písmem nebo na zvukové kazetě nebo v jiném jazyku, prosím, kontaktujte poradenskou službu pacientům na tel. 0800 015 4334.

Farsi

در صورت تمایل به داشتن این سند به نسخه ای با چاپ درشت تر، به خط بریل یا نسخه صوتی، یا به زبانی دیگر، لطفاً با دفتر خدمات مشاوره و هماهنگی بیماران به شماره تلفن ۰۸۰۰۰۱۵۴۳۳۴ تماس حاصل نمایند.

French

Si vous désirez ce document en gros caractères, en braille, enregistré sur cassette audio ou dans une autre langue, veuillez contacter le service de conseils et liaison des patients [Patients Advice and Liaison Service] au 0800 015 4334.

Kurdish Sorani

ئەگەر تۆم زانیاریانە بە چاڵی گەورە، برایل یان ئەسەر شریتی دەنگی دەخوازیت یاخود ئەم بەلگەنامەیە دیکە دەخوازیت، تەکنە پەڕێندێ یەکە بە خزمەتگوزاری زینمایی و هاوناھەنگی نەخۆشەرە بە ژمارە 0800 015 4334.

Polish

Jeżeli dokument wymagany jest w wersji drukowanej dużą czcionką lub alfabetem Braille'a, na kasecie audio lub w innym języku, prosimy o kontakt z zespołem ds. kontaktów z pacjentami (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) pod numerem telefonu 0800 015 4334.

Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਡੀ ਛਪਾਈ, ਬ੍ਰੇਲ ਜਾਂ ਸੁਣਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਟੇਪ ਤੇ ਚੁੱਦੇ ਹੋ ਜਾਂ ਇਸ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਚੁੱਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਰੀਜ਼ ਸਲਾਹ ਅਤੇ ਤਾਲ-ਮੇਲ ਸੇਵਾ (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) ਨਾਲ 0800 015 4334 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Somali

Haddii aad jeclaan lahayd in aad kan ku hesho far waaweyn, farta braille ee dadka indhaha la' ama cajalad dhegeysi ah ama haddii aad jeclaan lahayd in aad dukumeentigan ku hesho luqad kale, fadlan Adeegga Talobixinta iyo Xiriirinta ee Bukaanleyda (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) kala soo xiriir lambarka 0800 015 4334.

Turkish

Bu belgeyi büyük yazı, braille (kör alfabesi) veya ses kaydı olarak veya başka bir dilde almak istiyorsanız, lütfen 0800 015 4334 no.lu telefonundan Hasta Danışmanlık ve İrtibat Hizmetleri ile bağlantıya geçiniz.

Urdu

اگر آپ یہ بڑی چھپائی، بریل میں یا صوتی ٹیپ پر حاصل کرنا چاہیں یا یہ دستاویز کسی قبول زبان میں چاہیں تو براۓ کرم پیسٹ ایڈوائس اینڈ لیاؤن سروس سے 0800 015 4334 پر رابطہ کریں۔

Vietnamese

Nếu muốn có tài liệu này dưới dạng in chữ cỡ lớn hơn, chữ nổi braille hay bằng ghi âm, hoặc bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin quý vị liên hệ bộ phận Dịch vụ Tư vấn và Liên lạc với Bệnh nhân theo số 0800 015 4334.

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