



Referrals to Umbrella Pathway – Changes to the Process

The Umbrella Pathway is the multi-disciplinary assessment and diagnosis pathway for autism assessment for children and young people in Worcestershire, which can only be accessed by professional referral.

Currently waiting times are too long and partners involved in the multi-disciplinary team have been considering how to reduce the waiting time from referral to diagnosis and to streamline the assessment process.

It has been agreed that all appropriate information should be available to the assessment team at the point of referral. Therefore, when making a referral the following documents must be completed and returned at the same time:

- Referral form
- Parent questionnaire
- School questionnaire
- Consent form

It is the responsibility of the referrer to co-ordinate the completion and return of these documents. No referral will be considered for assessment until all documentation has been received.

Copies of the referral form and supporting documents are available on the Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust's website:

<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/services/service/umbrella-service-125/#service-how-to-refer-tab>


If you have any questions regarding the new process, please contact

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