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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Neurodevelopmental Assessment Services in Knowsley

I am writing to you because your child is currently waiting for an assessment to see if they have an Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

As you will be aware waiting times for assessments in Knowsley are currently much longer than we would like and we have been working with partners within the borough to change the way services are provided to help reduce waiting times.

In order to achieve this, we have commissioned additional assessment provision from a reputable service provider called Clinical Partners. We have chosen Clinical Partners to work with because the doctors within North West Boroughs and Alder Hey have evaluated the service offer and feel that the assessment approach which Clinical Partners take meets all the quality requirements, they have experience in delivering similar work for the NHS in other areas across the country and have very good references from the NHS areas where they have supported existing services in this way. Further information on Clinical Partners can be found on the following link www.clinical-partners.co.uk/

Having reviewed the children and young people on the current waiting list I would like to let you know that your child has been identified by the clinical staff at North West Boroughs as able to have their assessments carried out by Clinical Partners if you agree to this.

I would like to assure you that the assessment process is the same as would be offered through our current NHS service providers but that your child will have their assessment within a much shorter time period than if they had waited at the current provider. Your child will receive specialist assessments from suitably qualified professionals. You will be offered a parental meeting (or if you prefer a phone call) with the lead professional to receive feedback and you will also receive a detailed report following the assessment. To make the process more convenient Clinical Partners will be offering assessments in a number of NHS venues in the Borough.

If you agree to Clinical Partners assessing your child, then your child's assessment will be completed no later than December 2019.

Chair: Dr Andrew Pryce

Chief Executive: Dianne Johnson

In order to progress your child's referral we need to gain your consent to pass your child's information to Clinical Partners. If you are agreeable to this then you do not need to do anything, we will assume consent and in two weeks from the date of this letter your details will be forwarded to Clinical Partners who will then contact you directly to make an appointment.

If you **do not** wish to your child to be seen by Clinical Partners or you want to discuss this further, please contact the Neurodevelopmental Assessment Service on 0151 244 3091.

Finally, I am very sorry that your child has been waiting far too long for their assessment and I hope that through commissioning this additional service provision we can make a difference, we are also looking at how we develop the NHS service to ensure that we do not find ourselves in this position again.

Yours sincerely



DIANNE JOHNSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE