**The following referrals now need to be processed by a professional who can provide direct observation and assessment of the symptoms being reported by parents. The referrals must offer specific information regarding pre-referral steps taken to support the child in school, a record of any interventions and responses to this. It is usually more appropriate to request the child or young person’s school to complete these referrals directly as they have access to the above information required.**

**Children’s Autism Pathway**

The Children’s ASD service is a fully dedicated assessment service which is delivered within the Community Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics Service to improve autism assessment services for children and families. We offer autism assessments for children aged 0-16yrs.

#### How to access the service

A referral must be made by a relevant professional (schoolteacher, school nurse or SENCO worker who has concerns about autism and knows the child well and consent from a parent/guardian essential and must be shown on form.

You can access the form by visiting: https://elht.nhs.uk/services/paediatrics/childrens-asd-service

The referral form can be emailed the them at: elhtcypautismreferrals@elht.nhs.uk.

**Children’s ADHD Pathway**

Referrals for under 11 years can be accessed via Community Neurodevelopment Paediatrics at Burnley General Hospital

Referrals for over 11 years can be accessed via East Lancashire Child & Adolescent Services at Burnley General Hospital

**Please contact your child’s school for concerns regarding the above as General Practice are unable to process these referrals. Thank you.**