Far West Local Health District Broken Hill Paediatric Outpatients



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Referral framework

During normal working hours, our paediatric physicians are happy to discuss urgent referrals.

Send referral to... Broken Hill Outpatient Service FWLHD-OutpatientServices@health.nsw.gov.au Fax referral to 08 8080 1305

Name of clinical condition / presentation

- Behavioural Disorders in children, and
- Learning difficulties

Indications for specialist referral

 Behaviour not improved after parenting course

Referral information required

 Whatever information is available e.g. school reports, therapist reports (Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Psychologist ??)

Investigations required

- Conners cognitive assessment, Wechsler Individual Achievement Test WIATT, Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System ABBAS)
- Vanderbilt assessment scale if ADHD suspected

Initial management

- Encourage parenting course
- Consider Mental Health Plan for Psychology input

'Red Flag' items

- Escalating behaviour
- Poor socialisation
- "in his own world"
- Suspicion of Autistic Spectrum Disorder

How to access care in the event of a 'red flag'

 Call 'on-call' Paediatrician for giving referral Cat 1 triage

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