# 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

#### Please phone referral to

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