

When should we start the conversations?

## Pathway

Preschool - HV making sure there's a handover.

earlier the intervention the better. take concerns seriously and earlier. not wait and see

Echo - prior to school age - HVs and staff in hospital - making them consistent - follow up continual families. Relationship is key.

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no real indication as a baby, and was only until 3 when started to pinpoint real issues. If brain building marketed at all parents, and no markers then you might have a bit more impact.

Maintaining relationships is really important. Can't recognise his feelings sometimes and never slept. So having someone help you all the way will help you identify those changes.

when we work with new parents, we go in blind rather than those families we know. some receptive, some know, perhaps a drip feed of info before primary school would be helpful

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keep that information. How can they keep that information when probably thinking about a million things. Just need a summary. Might not have contact with professionals for a long time and may forget to talk about it

reviews need to be built into a pathway. Early on - need ot be loking out for them

give them time to process - I'll come back. MAST have weekly meetings so can come back with next steps and can offer.

As early as possible from HV, some of them won't realise/pick up that conversation in their appointments, some prenatal conversations - take place,

can we develop relationships between midwives HV and social care and parents

apart from if acute illness, and GPs not normally see them until school probably. we need a system which can hold information on that group. and have enhanced follow up- should be more than 2 year check especially for those who really

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Midwives needed to be better informed and have those conversations. pass on to health visitors

one parent writes to every organisation to explain what her child is like but it's free text. Perhaps need a form like a template

share the form with us which you have for school

working together with schools - is really important

how you have them - its a bout timing, some schools. Having one point of contact for parents - would be helpful. Is it nurseries or HV. Its about who to have them.

having a process in place. Mash letter with form

made a note to pass that information to secondary school

Ask - how will be decided. who and when?

No conversation at time to look at the signs. If you did, then it could go from midwife to to HV-Portage-one page profile - with needs and would stop repeating the story every time

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# How/Who do we have those conversations

need to capture social care foster/looked after kids.

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need to be direct and clear

parents appreciate honesty

Can we test something out within autism in schools project

redbook - could this be included in there

officially all schools need is name address dob

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what would help, having a list to ask at that point would be helpful

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Whether you are a parent or a professional, how supported do/c you feel when a need or vulnerability was first identified in a child or young person?

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Other workstreams

paperwork goes missing between ADHD/ASD

lost information -

Does feel that diagnosis is the door to access

**Ryegate was the key**

It did give me access

couldn't access parenting classes as during work time

Got help from Cerebra. Had early years information and access to information and support.

**do even before referral.**

**Who to go through first -**

If professional could have come forward and help you about how to start the process

need to understand what's going on, to prepare. getting whatsapp groups with other parents, need hand holding.

Need to support parents right at the beginning. As there may be some signs. look at prevention.

GP - signposting, not much time to do more

Push to get GP referral. Doing PPP course now. Support

It wouldn't have mattered what GP says

slow start to get diagnosis as moves around. When started to ask - hoops had to be jumped, needed GP and school backing. Go through MAST worker

Not all GPs are familiar with the female signs of autism. GP didn't refer daughter as he said she had eye contact.

There's not enough information to help staff have honest conversations with families and then supporting them to that diagnosis.

GP referral and general referral

**siblings already diagnosed**

Referred by speech therapist, parent knew as older brother, so younger son was picked up early enough

**When early signs showed in younger brother had experience to push referral**

**Education and Transition**

nursery didn't want to do the referral - we identified it early, did the my plan, private nursery said too early to look at referral

complex needs - at primary school but need to start identification in nursery.

didn't really think to look out for signs as early as nursery, but saw needs in primary school.

diagnosis came in secondary care after early identification in primary school at 5.

primary school is a nurturing environment but needs gets worse in transition to secondary as it is a different environment

**Can schools share the referral**

**Behaviours and Expectations**

health visitors and early years are keen to make sure we have 2 year check, but needs to be a better process. Can say anything in the health check.

there's an expectation that parents can manage it and actually they might not.

**need honest and open conversations between schools and parents.**

**Frontline staff in other settings**

**SLT in the social care team - so can do some identification**

youth justice - can do screening then refer to CAMHS officer. It feels like the referral gives the parents a gold bar when get that offer

What should be in place for children in the care system - what's the role of social workers,

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## Training

Midwives have very little training in neurodevelopment. I am not qualified in my opinion. Midwives working in community have a significant amount of safeguarding training

Transition for Secondary School staff

Multi-agency training

Primary Care

HEE training for All professionals?

**how to  
support staff  
and parents  
and children•**

**training for all  
staff about  
vulnerabilities,**

**developing  
and delivering  
the new  
resources.**

**ensuring that  
flow of  
information  
crosses all the  
transitions for  
children**

