**Special Needs Health Visiting Service (SNHV)**

**Referral Criteria**

* Children aged 0-5\* years of age with additional needs (\*if the child is over 4 please contact the SNHV to discuss further before referral).
* Children must be registered with a GP in either East or North Hertfordshire.
* Children aged 0-4 years that have been referred to the community paediatrician for assessment for possible Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
* Children aged 0-4 years who may or may not have a diagnosis of an underlying condition, where their development and/or additional needs are impacting their daily living

Our role will be to provide support & information for these families during the assessment process. As well as providing information and/or observation that will form part of the ASD assessment.

**We do not accept**

* Children under 2½ years for concerns around possible ASD.
* Children who are reception.
* Referrals in the Summer term, (April-August) for children who will be due to transition to primary school in the Autumn term
* Children presenting with challenging behaviours or concerns regarding possible ADHD. *(If you have concerns regarding these areas, then please refer to appropriate local services for further support. If there are continued developmental concerns following a period of support and intervention, then please contact us to discuss a referral).*

Referrals will be considered **with supporting evidence** from Health Professionals only. If no supporting evidence is received, the referral will be declined. **(ASQ 3, ASQ SE and/ or nursery development report).**

If there are multi-professionals supporting the family, a referral to our service may not be necessary, please call to discuss your concerns prior to referral. Please do not refer a child for the purpose of SNHV co-ordinating a Team Around the Family meeting (TAF).