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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're writing to provide an important update about the future of community health services for children and young people in Northamptonshire, particularly in relation to autism (ASD), ADHD, and community paediatrics.

Following a recent review of community paediatric services, Northamptonshire ICB is now developing a case for change that would see a single lead provider take responsibility for delivering children's community health services in the future. This potential change aims to improve the quality, coordination, and consistency of care so that more children and young people can access the support they need.

As we plan for 2025/26, this transformation has become a key priority for the ICB. A governance structure is now in place to begin developing the new service model. Importantly, we want families to play a central role in shaping this future and we'll be inviting you to take part in the co-design process once the timelines have been agreed. We will share further details as soon as they are available.

In the meantime, we understand that some families are experiencing significant delays in accessing assessments. To help address this, we're launching a targeted initiative to increase capacity for ASD and ADHD assessments.

We'll also be publishing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document shortly. This will explain

- The assessment process
- Treatment options, including medication
- The range of support services available to families based on individual needs

We are committed to keeping you informed, and regular updates will be shared throughout the summer, autumn, and beyond.

Yours sincerely



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