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Ms Maggie MacIsaac
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB
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RE: Right to Choose Pathway in Hampshire

Dear Ms MacIsaac,

We are writing to you on behalf of our constituents who are impacted by the recent change to ADHD and Autism assessments on the Right to Choose (RTC) Pathway in Hampshire.

The statement posted on the ICB website in March has caused significant confusion, concern and upset for constituents, and we would like to see greater clarity and understanding of how these changes affect them. It is our understanding that patients referred via the RTC pathway for an ADHD or Autism assessment, including those already on the waiting list, will not be offered an assessment until 2027 at the earliest, and will only be offered an assessment if they meet prioritisation criteria.

We are aware that patients on the standard pathway currently expect to wait up to four years for an assessment from the point of referral. This is having a significant impact on children and their families who are struggling to get their needs understood and recognised and represents a significant proportion of a child's time in full-time education without proper understanding and support.

Many of those on the RTC pathway will have been waiting a considerable period on the standard pathway before making an RTC referral. Others are on the RTC pathway because their needs have not been recognised and supported by their GP, school or CAMHS. Our constituents have raised a significant number of concerns with these delays, including how treatment and medication cannot be accessed without a diagnosis, and how this decision can possibly comply with the rights of disabled children and adults to have fair and appropriate access to treatment and support for their condition.

The process of acquiring the right Special Educational Needs Provision is already an exhausting, convoluted process for families with young people who have autism and ADHD, and this appears to be yet another disappointing setback. Parents are at their wits end and it is not fair that they are being left confused and frustrated by these complicated changes. Patients are rightfully demanding clarity, and we are formally requesting a clear, honest explanation from the ICB.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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North East Hampshire

Danny Chambers MP
Member of Parliament for
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