Assessment pathway

Over 7s → Developmental history taken by Child Development Psychology Team → Further assessment; Usually ADOS. If appropriate and necessary, some young people may have any of the following: School observation. Cognitive assessment. Experiential interview.

Explicit ASD referral
Referral received into the child development centre → Under 7s (and those with complex medical needs)

General CPC clinic → ASD is an apparent concern

Panel meeting:
A panel discussion is a meeting between a Paediatrician, Clinical Psychologist and usually a Speech and Language Therapist where around 8-10 children are discussed in approximately a 2 hour period. The aim is to discuss whether a conclusion can be reached or whether more information is needed. The possible outcomes are:
- Diagnosis of ASD (plus any other identified diagnoses)
- Differential diagnoses or signposted to another assessment team
- Watchful Wait
- Further assessment: SLT assessment, information from school, further observations.

Feedback outcome of assessment