



British Association for
Community Child Health

Referral to Treatment 18 week patient pathway

Outcome of clinic attendance – what stops the 18 week clock in Community Paediatrics

#	Clinic outcome	18 Week clock position
1	Discharged from clinic	Clock stops
2	Another appointment given to continue assessment	Clock continues ticking
3	Waiting test results	Clock continues ticking
4	Did not wait	Clock stops
5	Add to waiting list for surgery	Clock continues ticking
6	Transfer to another health provider (outside of Trust) NOTE: referral to non consultant mental health professionals or community support teams does not cause clock to continue ticking tertiary centre referral in cases of clinical complexity or uncertainty does not cause clock to continue ticking, but is counted under operational tolerance ref paras C2, C3, C11 and C12 of Implementation Framework	Clock continues ticking
7	Patient making decision	Clock continues ticking
8	Admitted for treatment of condition	Clock stops
9	Waiting surgical appliance	Clock continues ticking
10	Treatment previously given/ongoing	Active monitoring
11	Definitive treatment started in clinic In the context of community paediatrics, where assessment is often an ongoing process throughout the child's life, and the required 'treatment' is support from another Agency, this could include: Initial assessment of needs completed / diagnosis made and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medication prescribed ○ Report/referral to Partner Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ e.g. Notification to Education (if this is the definitive outcome and no continuing health assessment or treatment is required), ○ report for Statement of Special Educational Needs ○ Health Assessment of Looked After Child, ○ Clinical advice on management of child in school or nursery setting ○ Service Plan initiated ○ Medical/management plan e.g. re emotional or behavioural problems 	Clock stops

12	No suitable treatment available/needed	Clock stops
13	Treatment offered and declined by patient	Clock stops
14	Watchful waiting – active monitoring of long term condition OR pending decision on whether treatment is needed	Clock stops
15	Add to waiting list for diagnostics	Clock continues ticking
16	Referred for tests	Clock continues ticking
17	Referred to therapist :speech, occupational or physiotherapist	Clock continues ticking (if not definitive treatment i.e. referral is part of the assessment process) OR clock stops (if definitive treatment i.e. no further action required by paediatrician)
18	Referred to other clinician for same condition (within Trust) including Health Visitor, School Nurse, another doctor	Clock continues ticking
19	Referred to other clinician for different condition (within Trust)	Clock stops/clock restarts
20	DNA letter to GP and discharge on PAS	Clock stops

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