**Dynamic Support Pathway (DSP) for Children and Young People**

**Learning Disability and Autism Services**

The Dynamic Support Pathway (DSP) is a pathway developed to provide support for children and young people with a Learning Disability, Autism or both who are deteriorating in their health and well-being whilst living in the community. The goal is to identify concerns early and to be able to take steps to provide additional support in order to prevent further deterioration and any escalation, which may lead to a crisis.

This DSP is for:

* Children and young people (CYP <18) with a Learning Disability, Autism or both
* Referral to the Dynamic Support Pathway for all children and young people living within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
* Referral to the Risk of Admission Register/request for a community CETR also includes children and young people living out of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland if community placement is fully or partially health funded

Below is the agreed criteria for referring a child/young person to the Dynamic Support Pathway.

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| **Rating** | **Action Required** | **Guidance notes regarding when to apply this rag rating** |
| **Red** | **Request for an urgent CETR.****Referral to the Risk of Admission Register (ROAR)** | * The child/ young person continues to deteriorate in well-being and risk of admission has increased. There is no improvement following the MAM. Additional support put in place has not been sufficient to meet the needs of the child or young person/family/carer/community placement provider.
* A second MAM is not required in these circumstances. Access to immediate additional support is required via a CETR.
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| **Amber** | **Referral to the Dynamic Support Pathway.****Inclusion on the Dynamic Support Register/Request for a multi-agency meeting is automatic once the referral form has been forwarded.****The action plan detailing the additional support required will be developed at the first MAM. Agreed actions will be followed to ensure completion.**  | **There is a significant concern for the health and well-being of the child or young person (any cause). Concerns may include:*** There is a significant increase in behaviours that challenge. Support is required in order to prevent further deterioration in well-being, which may result in a future increased risk of referral to other services and/or hospital admission.
* Deterioration in physical/mental health and wellbeing may include but is not limited to social withdrawal, self-neglect, anxiety, increased verbal or physical aggression towards self and/or others, damage to property, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, escalating anxiety, increased ritualistic behaviours or internal experiences such as hearing voices which are having a significant impact on well-being.
* The family/carer is finding the situation difficult to manage. Carer strain may be becoming a concern.
* There is a new safeguarding issue for the child/young person, their carer or other family member. There is more than one vulnerable person in the household requiring additional support.
* The carer has a significant underlying physical or mental health condition that is affecting their ability to continue to provide the level of care and support required.
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