



Dynamic Support Pathway (DSP)

Referral criteria

- 1 The person must have a **formal diagnosis** of a learning disability and/or autism. You must provide evidence of this diagnosis with the referral.
- 2 The person must also meet two or more parts of the criteria in the tables (see page 2).
- 3 Please note that, as the referring professional, you are expected to demonstrate the steps you have already taken to support the individual – for example, holding a Multi-Agency Meeting (MAM) prior to making the referral.
- 4 The referrer must ensure there is a lead professional from their organisation and that they stay involved throughout.
- 5 The dynamic support pathway team will look at any extra information to understand the level of risk and agree the red/amber/green (RAG) rating.

DSP Referral Criteria Tables

Table 1 – the person with LD/Autistic person must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

1	Individuals who also have a mental health need who are at high risk of relapse or have unstable/untreated mental health needs that may lead to hospital admission.
2	Ongoing difficulty with the person’s behaviour causing risk of harm to themselves or others in the community – despite appropriate support and interventions already being in place.* *The DSP does not replace safeguarding pathways.

Table 2 – **as well as** meeting one criteria from Table 1, the individual must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

1	Individuals with multiple risk factors and behaviours that put themselves or others at risk of harm – placing their housing, family arrangements, care or support at risk of breakdown.
2	Individuals at high risk of being readmitted to a mental health hospital, including those on a Community Treatment Order (CTO).
3	Individuals currently in an acute mental health ward or a place of safety, including those with disordered eating or avoidant/restrictive intake disorders (ARFID).
4	Individuals in contact with, or involved in, the criminal justice system, including those with high risk of offending or reoffending.
5	Looked-after children or young people placed out of area or in 52-week residential placements (ensure receiving ICB is informed).