UK Children and Families Act 2014 introduced new approach of securing the care of children with Special Needs and Disabilities (SEND). NHS England has legal duty to improve the outcome for children and young people with (SEND), of which there are approximately 1.2 million. There were 319,819 children in UK with statutory Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP) and statements of special educational needs (SEN) maintained by local authorities as at January 2018, with an increase of 11.3% from January 2017.

Wigan is the largest district of Greater Manchester, North West of England, with a population of 320,000. This includes 1800 of children with Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP) or statements of special educational needs (SEN).

**Introduction**

In 2017, we had 264 requests from Local Authorities (LA) for health EHC assessment, report and information. 38 / 264 (14%) children were not known to paediatric department, who were identified and referred to EHCP clinic. 11 (14%) cases, the patients did not attend appointment, 26 (68%) cases were included in the audit. Electronic records and paper notes documentation were reviewed to obtain further information.

Wigan had 1600 children with SEN statement in 2014. In 2017, we had 1800 cases with EHCP. There was 20% increase in EHCP referrals over a year. (14%) with significant needs were not known to health care prior to referral for EHCP.

81% were male and 58% of children were over 10 years old (Figure 2).

After our assessment, 35% of children were given diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and 23% were given diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), 15% with learning difficulties, 8% with developmental delay and 11% with physical disabilities (Figure 3).

85% of children were known to other services before being known to community child health. 92% had systemic examination, however only 42% had full neurological examination (Figure 4). Only 19% had detailed history taken in line of BACD standard (Figure 5).

**Aims**

1. To review the referrals of new patients not known to health care and their outcomes after attending EHCP clinics.
2. To audit our current practice in running EHCP clinic against national legislation and guidance (British Academy of Childhood Disability standards)

**Results**

**Method**

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