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Requested:

I am trying to find a copy of the A&E procedures when a child with diagnosed ASD and ADHD come into A&E with an urgent matter, like soft tissue damage which requires assessing by a doctor and an xray.

I'm trying to find out if the child's additional needs are factored in when assessing the urgency of their condition.

Can you please provide information on what policies and procedures you have in place for a situation like this.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the requested information as it does not have a policy or procedure specifically relating to children and young people (CYP) diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) presenting in an A&E department, requiring treatment for an injury.

For soft tissue injuries, all patients would be assessed to determine the outcome, diagnosis and treatment of the injury. A&E staff treating patients diagnosed with ADHD and ASD of all age groups, not only CYP, work under the principal of offering reasonable adjustments, where possible.