

**ASHFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE  
DRS WALLING AND NATHAN**

**Practice policy  
Monitoring and Prescribing following Private Diagnosis ADHD**

The practice has seen a rise in patients choosing a private provide when ADHD diagnosis is suspected, this is due to due to the length of waiting times within the NHS providers and this is completely patients' choice.

We have seen an increase in patients requesting the practice takes over the prescribing of recommended medication following a private diagnosis. You will need to consider the following

- Should you decide following a confirmed diagnosis from a private provider to switch to an NHS service. We will need to refer you to an NHS provider at the point of request meaning you will be added to the routine waiting list. The private diagnosis doesn't mean you will be seen quicker than patients who are already on the NHS waiting list. The practice is unable to expedite this process.
- Should you wish to receive any suggested medication from your private provider on the NHS. The ongoing monitoring will still need to continue with your private provider and a shared care agreement put in place between the private provider and practice.
- The right to choose option is available for all patients. The practice will support patients in these referrals where appropriate. We have had a number of patients unhappy that they have been referred and received a diagnosis but have then required referral to the NHS service and starting again on the waiting list as their provider did not provide a treatment service. We would advise all patients to seek to understand what is offered by any right to choose provider. Patients do need to bear in mind that this pathway does not guarantee medication/continuing care will be provided by the NHS.