*Clinician’s Toolkit*


# **Child Autism Referral Decision Making Flowchart**



Yes

**Concerns raised**

**COMMENCE PERIOD OF WATCHFUL WAITING**

Parent remains concerned?

Yes

No

Refer to paediatrician or paediatric neurologist for initial opinion.

Regression of language in a child over 3 years old

Yes

Sufficient number of signs and symptoms identified to justify referral?

No regression of language or social skills noted

Regression of language or social skills without loss of motor skills in a child under 3 years old

Enquire about signs and symptoms, taking into account:

* Range
* Number
* Severity
* Duration
* Pervasiveness
* Impact

Also take into account:

* Level of parental concern
* Any known risk factors for autism

impact

**REFER FOR ASD ASSESSMENT**