

Our aim is to work with parents and carers to help all children to achieve their potential, so your attendance at this appointment is important.

Your child has been referred by another professional to see a community paediatrician (a specialist children's doctor).

This professional may be your:

- GP
- Child's teacher
- Health visitor
- School nurse
- Hospital consultant
- Speech therapist

The reasons for this referral will have been discussed with you and your consent obtained.

We are children's doctors who specialise in assessing children's health and development, from birth to leaving school. We will offer you a confidential appointment in a community based clinic. The first appointment is likely to be about an hour and may include a medical history, physical examination and developmental assessment as appropriate. At the end of your appointment the doctor will discuss with you what will happen next.

Please complete the ethnicity questionnaire on the back of this sheet and bring with you to your child's appointment.

## Working together to improve your care

### What is your child's ethnic group?

Everyone belongs to an ethnic group. Ethnic group describes how you see yourself and is a mixture of culture, religion, language and the origins of your family. NHS Lothian staff want to give the best care they can to everyone based on health needs. Some diseases and medical conditions affect some ethnic groups more than others. By knowing how many people from different ethnic groups there are in the local population, we can plan our services better.

### Why do we need this information?

We need this information for two reasons. First, we want to provide you with the best quality care. With this information doctors, nurses and other staff caring for your child will be better able to provide care that meets their needs. We only share the information collected for this reason with those who are involved in your child's care.

Secondly, so that NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government can make sure:

- Everyone is being treated fairly
- Everyone has equal access to health care
- Services meet everyone's needs.

The information used for this second reason does not have your child's name, address or health service numbers attached, so they cannot be identified.

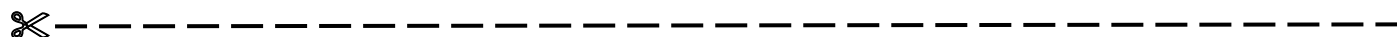
## Do I have to give this information?

You can refuse to give this information.

## Data Protection and Privacy

NHS Lothian takes care to ensure your personal information is only accessible to authorised people. Our staff have a legal and contractual duty to keep personal health information secure, and confidential. In order to find out more about current data protection legislation and how we process your information, please visit the Data Protection Notice on our website at [www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/yourrights/dataprotection](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/yourrights/dataprotection) or ask a member of staff for a copy of our Data Protection Notice.

(Choose **one** section from A to F then tick **one** box in it which best describes your child's ethnic group or background)



Full patient name \_\_\_\_\_ Patient date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>A White</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Scottish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White English</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Welsh</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Northern Irish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Irish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Gypsy/Traveller</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Polish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other White Ethnic group.</p>	<p><b>B Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Far East Asia (eg Japan, Korea)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian</p>
<p><b>C Black, Black Scottish or Black British</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African, African Scottish or African British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black, Black Scottish or Black British</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Black</p>	<p><b>D Other ethnic group</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arab</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Australasia (Australia, New Zealand)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other non European (eg N Africa, S America)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please write in</p>
<p><b>E Europe</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> North Europe (eg Denmark , Norway, Sweden)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> West Europe (eg France, Germany, Netherlands)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> East Europe, Exclude Poland ( eg Balkans, Russia)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> South Europe (eg Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey)</p>	
<p><b>F Mixed – Any mixed or multiple ethnic group. Please write in:</b></p>	