**Developmental red flags – when to refer?**

**Red flags at all ages:**

* OFC  > 98 or < 0.4 or rapid change in OFC
* Regression
* *New onset squint*Squint
* Parental concern

**6 weeks**

* No visual fixation or following - always refer
* Failure to respond to sound
* Asymmetrical neonatal reflexes
* Excessive head leg
* Failure to smile

**6-8 months**

* Hand preference, fisting,
* Squint, not reaching
* Persistence of primitive reflexes
* Floppy and poor head control
* Lack social response/ vocalisation

**12 months**

* Unable to sit or bear weight
* Absence of saving reactions
* Persistence of hand regard
* Poor communication
* No babble

**18 months**

* Not walking
* Inability to understand simple commands
* No pointing
* No words
* No pincer grip
* Casting (throwing) and mouthing

Top tips:

* Speech and language development is the most variable domain and sensitive to environmental factors e.g. maternal depression
* If there is delay in more than one domain – gross motor, fine motor and vision, speech and language, social development – it is more likely to be significant.

**2 years**

* Not running
* 2 step command
* 2-3 words together
* *Parents concern about abnormal social interactions*

Bilingual – only have expressive delay 3-6 months

 

 3years 4 years 5 years

 12m 15m 24m 24m

**18 months**

**2 years**

**3 years**

**3.5**

**4 years**

**5 years**

**6 years**

Median ages for development of skills – bricks and drawing NB pencil grasp by 3 years