Identifying developmental and behavioural differences

- Fither
 - surveillance is planned*
 - parents present with a concern
 - early childhood educators identify differences in development
 - concerns are identified when child presents for other healthcare issue
- GP and/or CHN completes

 Tier 1[†] surveillance
- CHN completes Tier 2[‡] surveillance if concerns identified at Tier 1[‡]

Development not as expected: Assessment

- Mental health or chronic disease management plan
- Allied health[§] for assessment of their domain(s) of expertise:
 - Audiologist and speech pathologist for speech or language concerns
 - Optometrist for vision concerns
 - Psychologist for behavioural or emotional concerns
 - Social worker in relevant local systems for environmental concerns

Development not as expected: Intervention and support

- Allied health interventions
- Parent support to navigate services and seek intervention
- Support for parents to identify goals
- Psychology[§] for:
 - child behaviour
 - parents to manage behaviou
 - child or family mental health
- NDIS for ECIS
- Child care/preschool
- Monitor progress

Difficulties across multiple developmental domains

- Paediatrician referral:
 - Explore possible genetic or neurological causes
 - Provide support to the family before and after assessment
 - Continue to assist with goal setting
 - Continue to assist with service navigation
- Work with GP to ensure the needs of all the family are met
- Progress to an autism diagnostic assessment or refer to a multidisciplianry team for assessment

Figure 1. The different levels that can indicate general practitioner involvement

*As recommended in the relevant state or territory

[†]Tier 1: population surveillance including children with no identified concerns

*Tier 2: surveillance of children with concerns identified

§Working in a community health, private or hospital outpatient setting

CHN, child health nurse; ECIS, Early Childhood Intervention Services; GP, general practitioner; NDIS, National Disability Insurance Scheme