Local Offer: Community Paediatrics - Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

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Legal Status
Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is a statutory body which came into existence in November 1993 under the Plymouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1993 No 2568.

Location
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Range of Services

The Child Development Centre (CDC) is based on the Scott Business Park site in Plymouth and provides assessment and intervention for children from across the PHNT area (Plymouth City, North and East Cornwall and West/South Devon) who show signs of atypical development. The unit is a designated children’s out-patient facility. The single storey building provides level access and is wheelchair accessible. There is a large child friendly waiting room available for children and families visiting the centre and a toilet with disabled access and baby changing facilities. Free parking, including disabled parking, is available at the front of the building although space can be limited during busy periods.
The Children’s Community Nursing Team have an administrative base at Bircham House. This base does not provide a clinical venue for patients. Patients will be seen at home or school, or via designated clinics at Derriford Hospital or the Child Development Centre (CDC).

The CDC provides nine general outpatient rooms, specialist rooms for audiology, the continence service and ophthalmology, a therapy gymnasium and a pre-school assessment facility. This includes access to a small sensory room and an outside play area. A ‘family room’ is also available and provides a non-clinical environment for meeting and discussions with families.

The following Community Paediatric services are provided by Plymouth Hospitals Trust for children living in North and East Cornwall:

- Specialist Nursing Teams (specialist assessment group, continence service, and community nurses)
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Clinical psychology

**Accessing Services:**
Children requiring access to the services mentioned above are usually referred via their GP, Paediatrician or other professional. Access to clinical psychology service is via a consultant paediatrician only. All requests for services will be reviewed by the appropriate clinical team before being accepted by the service.

There are a number of other clinical services that elect to deliver appointments from the child development centre eg audiology, podiatry. Requests to access these teams will be directed to the appropriate service area and are not managed by community paediatrics or CDC staff.

**Additional Information:**
Professional groups working within the Child Development Centre provide multidisciplinary services for children and young people who require assessment, support and intervention to ensure their wellbeing and development. Children who access services are aged from 0 – 18 years and services offered to them will include:

- Specialist assessment
- Investigations and treatment
- Individualised support and management plans for children with long term conditions

Services are provided in child friendly environment by a workforce with a range of specific skills, competencies and training relating to children. All staff have relevant professional registration and are compliant with local trust training programmes.
Services may be accessed at the CDC or when clinically required will include visits to a child’s home, nursery, school or other locality setting – this includes some services provided in Bude, Launceston and Liskeard. The use of multi-agency referral and information sharing processes allows the development of a holistic package of care for each child and minimises the need for multiple appointments and repeated history taking and documentation whenever possible.

**Contact details**
The Child Development Centre and CCN services are an integral part of children’s services provided by Derriford Hospital. The centre is part of the Women and Children’s Care Group and locally based staff report to the Community Paediatric Service Line Director, Dr Ben Marsh [benmarsh@nhs.net](mailto:benmarsh@nhs.net), the Service Line Manager Mrs Sue Frise (01752 439418) [susan.frise@nhs.net](mailto:susan.frise@nhs.net) and the Lead Nurse Mrs Sue Syers (01752 431588) [suesyers@nhs.net](mailto:suesyers@nhs.net)

The centre is open from Monday to Friday from 8am – 5.30pm (6pm for CCNT at Birchanger)

For further information please contact :
**Mrs Sue Frise – Service Line Manager Community Paediatrics (01752 439418)**
**Mrs Sharon Cox – Clinical Admin Manager (01752 439410)**

**Service Criteria**

**CCNT referral criteria –**

- Children aged between 0-18 yrs
- Nursing / bed assessment for continuing health care assessment or short breaks. This should be requested via the child’s consultant.
- Specialist Training around care needs and medications for nurseries and schools (general training is provided by the school nursing service)
- Request for ongoing nursing support / care. A referral is needed from your Consultant / GP

**Referral Criteria to Children’s Community Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Services**

Children’s Community Therapy Services deliver Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy treatment, to children and young people who present with, or are being investigated for, neurological, neuro- developmental, neuro-muscular conditions, atypical development and/or disabilities.

Following assessment, where a clinical need has been identified, and it is anticipated that the outcome for the child can be improved by therapy intervention, a range of therapeutic interventions can be offered to aim to maximise the child’s developmental progress and achievements and promote the child’s inclusion in family and community life.
Who is the service for?
Children and young people from birth to the end of school year 13 in Mainstream Schools, and to the end of Year 14 in special schools, living in, or registered with, a GP in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
New referrals will be accepted up until the child’s 18th birthday.

Who is appropriate to refer?
Children who present with, or are being investigated for:

- Neurological conditions
- Neuro developmental conditions
- Neuromuscular conditions
- Delays in achieving their movement and physical skills, or appear to be achieving them in an unusual way.
- Congenital and acquired disabilities
- Children with a medical condition that results in the main presenting problem being developmental delay e.g. Hypermobility, osteogenesis imperfecta, Achondroplasia.
- Working in partnership with specialist services, children requiring an episode of physiotherapy in the community e.g., burns, ABI, post meningitis

Or:

- For those children meeting the Wheelchair Services criteria, assessment and prescription of a standard wheelchair or buggy
- Children being discharged from hospital with a newly acquired condition requiring equipment to assist with activities of daily living.

And which result in difficulties in one or more of the following areas:

- Movement skills
- Fine motor skills
- Activities of Daily Living

Who is not appropriate to refer?
Where the primary diagnosis or difficulty relates to:

- Obesity management
- ME/CF
- A respiratory condition
- A musculo - skeletal or orthopaedic condition
- A rheumatology condition
- Pain management
- Hypermobility
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
• The need for assessment and provision of equipment or adaptations in school/nursery or home.

In addition, referrals will not be accepted for:
• Assessment or treatment relating to the CAMHS autism assessment pathway
• A child who has received a diagnosis of ASD via the ASDAT and for whom the main reason for referral relates to challenging behavioural needs.
• Children who present with sensory difficulties related to eating and drinking
• The purpose of submission of therapy advice and guidance for children as part of their Education and Healthcare Plan. To ensure up to date information about a child’s needs is submitted, this information will be provided only for children who are receiving therapy when their EHCP is being produced.

How to refer?
Paediatricians and GPs can make direct referrals. All other referrals need to be made on the Therapy Referral Form.

Who can refer?
• The child’s GP or Paediatrician
• Health Visitors, School Nurses, Children’s Community Nursing Team
• SENCOs