3c. Graduated Response for Children and Young People 0-25 years with SEND – Health Services

Parents’ early observations of their child are crucial. Children with more complex developmental and sensory needs may be identified at birth. Health assessments, such as the hearing screening test, which is used to check the hearing of all new-born babies, enable very early identification of a range of medical and physical difficulties. Health services, including paediatricians, the family’s general practitioner, and health visitors, should work with the family, support them to understand their child’s needs and help them to access early support.

Code of Practice, 5.14

In North Somerset, Weston Area Health NHS Trust (WAHT) currently provides community health services for children. The service works with young people aged 0–19 years and their parents and carers to provide a range of services at specialist level.

The services comprise:

- community paediatric services
- speech & language therapy
- occupational therapy and physiotherapy
- specialist child & adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

The teams work in partnership with children, young people, their families and carers and a range of other agencies. This includes working with early years providers and families by attending the Multi-Agency Information and Support in the Early Years (MAISEY). A meeting where professionals, with permissions from parents and carers are able to share information on ways their services are supporting children. This enables the professionals to consider ways they can work together around the child.

Out local graduated response is about what our health services provide at different levels of the child or young person's journey, for example:

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<td>Concern expressed by parent, carer, early years provider or other professional</td>
<td>Concern maybe helped by an advice sheet for example:</td>
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<td>Leaflets available include Sleep Hygiene, Sensory, Physiotherapy for postural variance</td>
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Speech and Language

Signposting to universal support in the community, For example: Late talkers maybe signposted to a Toddler Talk group or Pre-school Talk as a generic way of support and guidance

### Threshold for Acceptance (Targeted Support)

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<td>Concerns raised over a child’s development</td>
<td>Paediatrics and Therapies mostly facilitate others to work on the child’s development</td>
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<td>The level of assessment will be appropriate to the complexity of need and challenges</td>
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### Enhanced Level of Support (Specialist Support)

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<td>A number of specialist interventions and advice required to support the child including a request for an EHC plan</td>
<td>A request made trigger the need for an in-depth Autistic Spectrum Disorder diagnosis assessment if one hasn’t already been done</td>
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**North Somerset Local Offer**

The local offer provides information for children and young people with SEND and their families including:

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localoffer)

You can find more detailed information regard specific community health services by following the links below:

**Health Visiting**

[www.nscphealth.co.uk/services/health-visiting](http://www.nscphealth.co.uk/services/health-visiting)
School Nursing  
www.nscphealth.co.uk/services/school-health-nursing

Community paediatrics  
www.waht.nhs.uk/en-GB/Childrens-Services/Childrens-Services1/Welcome-to-Community-Childrens-Service/Community-Paediatric-Service1/

Community Occupational therapy  
www.waht.nhs.uk/en-GB/Childrens-Services/Childrens-Services1/Welcome-to-Community-Childrens-Service/Childrens-Occupational-Therapy/

Community Physiotherapy  
www.waht.nhs.uk/en-GB/Childrens-Services/Childrens-Services1/Welcome-to-Community-Childrens-Service/Childrens-Physiotherapy-Service1/

Community Speech & Language Therapy  

Child & Adolescent Mental Health  