

An introduction to health services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Bromley

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An Introduction

The National Health Service (NHS) is free at the point of entry and provides services that everyone in the population can access. These are called universal services.

It also provides other support services that you are more likely to come across, because your child needs extra help and support. These are called specialist services.

Due to the varying and often complex needs of children, it is possible that a range of health professionals will be involved in helping and supporting you. This section provides an introduction to the people and specialist services you may come across. Some may be provided in a hospital setting or a local clinic. Community health services are provided in your local area, sometimes by professionals who visit families at home. Health services for children are called “paediatric services” and the doctor who specialises in working with children is called a “paediatrician”.

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Guide to People and Services

Many of our specialist children's services are provided by our community provider, Bromley Healthcare, at the Phoenix Children's Resource Centre in Bromley. Some of these may be provided in other community based settings such as the home, school and short break facilities. To access these services you should be registered with a Bromley GP and may need to be referred in by a GP or Consultant.

Services include:

Integrated Children's Community Nursing Team

The Integrated Community Children's Nursing Team (ICCNT) strives to ensure that all children with an acute or long term nursing need have access to community based care.

The care given to children is family centred and the needs of the child are paramount.

The team comprises of nurses who have specialist skills in various areas of children's nursing thereby ensuring a high standard of care.

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Community Paediatrics

The service places a strong emphasis on innovation in the delivery of specialist secondary care for children outside hospital, multidisciplinary working and close cooperation with education, social and voluntary agencies.

The referral base is broad and the spectrum of work covers neuro-developmental problems and disability, emotional health as well as psychosocial problems such as safeguarding and children in special circumstances, specific

general paediatric problems e.g. concerns arising from routine Child Health Promotion, Children's Continence problems, Growth concerns etc.

They can also carry out holistic assessments of health needs and help establish a multiagency network around the child and family.

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Children's Occupational Therapy Service

The Children's Occupational Therapy service provides specialist care to help children and young people who experience difficulties carrying out everyday tasks.

Therapists understand the skills that are needed for self-care, school work and play. They work with the child and their carers to identify their individual strengths and weaknesses in order to maximise their ability to reach their potential in everyday activities.

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Paediatric Audiology

High quality, safe, effective and family friendly newborn hearing screening programme (NHSP) aims at early identification of congenital hearing loss within five weeks of age in all Bromley live births.

High quality, accessible, effective and family friendly clinical assessment and management of late onset congenital hearing loss and hearing problems in older children and young people.

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Children's Physiotherapy

Children's Physiotherapy is a specialist service providing a consultative, advisory, teaching and therapeutic intervention for children with motor problems and children with disability.

The service provides specialist assessments, individual care plans and implements programmes of Physiotherapy for children in collaboration with others involved in their care.

The therapist is often involved in the diagnostic process of children with special needs. There are close working relationships with local paediatricians and orthopaedic consultants.

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Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

The Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service (SLT) is provided to children and young people who meet the eligibility criteria, with disorders or delays in their development of speech, language and communication.

This includes acquired disorders and eating and swallowing difficulties related to a complex or chronic health/developmental difficulty.

The service provides assessment, diagnosis, and a range of therapeutic management approaches to ensure children with speech, language and communication needs are able to develop and achieve academically, socially and emotionally in order to reach their potential.

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Children's Dietetic Service

- Based at The Beckenham Clinic

The Children's Community Dietetic Service covers the dietetic treatment of clinical conditions and home enteral feeding.

A significant proportion of this work includes the long term management of children and young people at home on Enteral tube feeding (HEF). Other clinical work is undertaken in community clinics and special schools.

Advice and support is provided to the Bromley Healthcare multi-disciplinary team. This may include discussions about specific children or training sessions to enable other health professionals to support dietetic care plans and/or give first line advice.

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