



Health support with children with additional needs

Aims

- To understand health pathways for children with AN
- To understand the roles of health professionals working with children with AN
- To understand the assessments and health provisions offered to children with A

AN and health

- Congenital conditions
- Sensory impairments
- Neurological conditions
- Developmental difficulties
- Specific learning difficulties

When is AN identified

Birth

- Some syndromes e.g. Downs
- Congenital abnormalities
- Extreme prematurity

Less than 12 mths

- Cerebral palsy
- Severe sensory impairment
- Severe global delay
- Some epilepsy

Before 2

- Severe autism 2 -4
- Significant speech and language difficulties
- Milder Cerebral palsy
- Midler global delay

6+

- Dyslexia
- General learning difficulties

Health professionals involved

- Acute paediatrician
- Community children's nurses
- Health visitor
- GP
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational therapists
- Audiologists

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Community paediatrician
- Continence advisors
- Dietician
- Epic
- Specialist health care tasks

Referrals

- Medical from GP
- Physio and OT mostly medical other professionals
- Speech and Language therapy open
- Continence - other professional

Audiology

New born screen

Referral from health professional

1423 Referrals last year



Speech and Language Therapy

Open referrals

1300 referrals annually

2500 on caseload

25 Therapists 18 wte

Service 1 – 11 mainstream 16 special school

Process

- Initial assessment
- Advice
- Review
- Blocks of weekly clinic therapy

Physiotherapy

- Birth – 19
- Referral by health care professional
- 500 referrals accepted annualy
- Caseload 1078
- 7.34 WTE

Process

Triage

Assessment – different clinics

Programmes

Review programmes

Treatments

Equipment

Occupational Therapy

- Birth – 19
- Referred by health care professional
- 1045 caseload
- 6.3 wte

Process

- Triage
- Assessment
- Advice and programmes
- Equipment
- Motor groups



Provide Children's Community Nurses

- Children under 16
- Open referral or GP



Epic

Paediatric continence

- 4 – 19
- Referral by health care professional
- 520 per year
- Paediatric continence 313
- Enuresis 490
- WTE 1.2



Community Paediatricians

- Birth – 19
- Referral by health care professional
- 1600 referral
- WTE 6

Autism diagnosis

- MDT clinic

Notification process

- Any clinician
- Countersigned head of service
- Sent through child health

EHCP

- Gathering evidence
- Write report
- Recommendations

Who else can help?

- www.familiesinfocusessex.org.uk
- www.snapcharity.org.uk
- www.parc-essex.co.uk
- www.nas.org.
- www.downsed.com
- www.scope.org.uk/
- www.cafamily.org.uk/
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How can we work better together

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