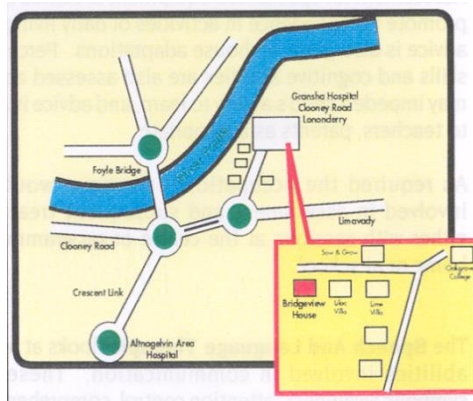


In addition to assessment and treatment of the children, parent workshops are offered on a regular basis where parents can understand their child's difficulties and learn strategies that may help in their management.

For further information about Occupational Therapy services for children and young people, download a leaflet here from the Royal college of Occupational Therapists

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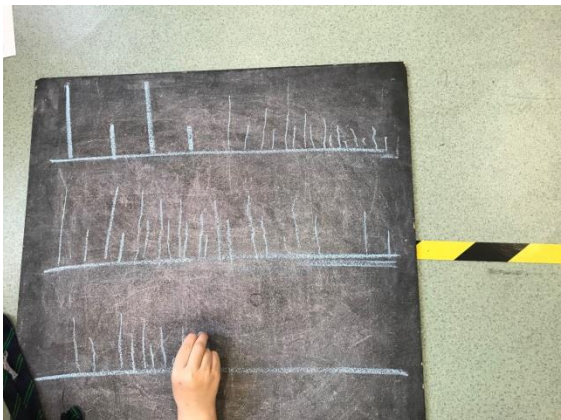


Paediatric Occupational Therapy Service

The Paediatric Occupational Therapy Service provides community based care for children and young people from birth to 18 years of age (19 years in special schools).



An Occupational Therapist can help children and young people become more independent with their everyday tasks. This may include things like dressing, eating, toileting, handwriting, play skills, going to school and socialising with friends. Occupational Therapy provides assessment and treatment as appropriate to each child's age and abilities.



What happens if my child is referred to Occupational therapy?

Your child may be referred to occupational for a variety of reasons including:

- Difficulty developing independence in dressing, washing or feeding.
- Delayed motor skills.
- Sensory difficulties.
- Consultation and advice around minor modifications and building adaptations at home and school.
- Assessment for specialist equipment.

When your child is referred to Occupational Therapy they will be placed on a waiting list to be assessed. Your child will be assessed in the functional areas which are difficult for them.

Once your child has been assessed the Occupational Therapist may support your child's development in a variety of ways including:

- Provision of advice to home and school.
- Group or individual therapy.
- Provision of specialist equipment at home or school which enables your child to function safely in the community. This includes specialist seating for feeding and positioning, wheelchairs, toilet aids, bathing/showering aids and mobility aids to support your child's functional independence.
- Adaptations to the environment at home or school

