

WHAT WE DO

We provide assessment, treatment and advice as appropriate to help maximise a child's potential in daily living activities. We work in close partnership with the child's parents/ caregivers and other professionals involved with the child. Occupational Therapy programmes are developed to be continued with the child by parents at home or in schools as appropriate.

ACCESS

The Paediatric OT service will accept referrals for children and young people under 18 years who have risk of developmental delay or physical or learning disabilities whose functional difficulties are such that they significantly interfere with expected performance in daily living activities and access to education.

ASSESSMENT

We assess the child's functional abilities in relation to daily activities. This is likely to include evaluation of the following areas;

Motor: eg performance in gross and fine movement especially hand function.

Cognitive: eg ability to plan and organise activity eg., in writing or dressing.

Play/Social: eg engagement and interaction.

Sensory based behaviours: eg atypical response to noise, touch, and movement.

Equipment / Wheelchairs: provision as appropriate.

Adaptations /Access to school and home eg advice to Education Depts and to Community OT re major adaptations to the home.

INTERVENTION INVOLVES:

- Goal setting and planned discharge will be set with the child and parents where possible early in the care plan. The OT will agree each subsequent appointment with the parent
- Individual or group therapy as appropriate
- Advice to parents, carers, education staff regarding home, and school based programmes as appropriate
- Referral to other Health & Social Care and Education professionals as appropriate
- Moving and handling assessment and advice including recommendations

and/or provision of specialised equipment to meet the postural and management needs of the child at home and school

- Advice can be given to parents / schools on suppliers of small equipment eg feeding aids, move 'n' sit cushions, write angle boards etc

CONSENT

OT assessment and intervention can only take place with the consent of the parent, child and young person as appropriate.



DISCHARGE

A child will be discharged from Paediatric Occupational Therapy for any of the following reasons;

- The child has achieved goals in his or her specific episode of care
- Further OT intervention is unlikely to be effective as cognitive, social, emotional, behavioural difficulties or developmental levels limit progress or change at that time
- Non compliance with therapy process
- Non compliance with Trust attendance policy ie one failure to attend without prior notification or two cancellations
- Consent withdrawn by child / young person or parent
- Child or young person reaches 18 years

PAEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS BASED IN;

Children's Centre, SWAH, Enniskillen

Phone: 028 66 382668

Children's Centre, OHPCC, Omagh

Phone: 028 82 835010

Willowbridge School, Enniskillen

Arvalee School, Omagh

STUDENTS

The WHSCT supports student training. Supervised students may participate in the child or young person's care plan.

FEEDBACK

We welcome feedback.

Please speak in the first instance to someone involved in the child's care or contact the Paediatric OT Department
Tel: 028 66 382668



CHILDREN'S OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

