

Local Offer

Community Child Health & Paediatric Service

at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust in Wigan

Our Vision

Our vision to ensure that all children and young people with a disability and their families in Wigan receive the best possible specialist health services right from the start that gives them the best possible opportunities to be healthy and to reach their full potential across all domains.

Our Aim

- Our aim for children and young people with a disability in Wigan to have a Child Centred multiagency, co-ordinated service from the point of the referral through the identification and assessment to the delivery.
- To ensure children and young people with a disability are safe from harm.

Who are we?

The Community Child Health Service is led by a Team from Community Paediatricians who are specialist children's doctor with a particular expertise in looking after children with long term health problems and a Specialist ADHD Nurse.

We work closely with General Paediatrician and other specialist nurses who are working within the Hospital. In addition we work in a multi disciplinary team with multi agency across health services, Education and Social Care and other agencies.

We work closely with speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists as well as General Practitioner who is the first port of call and who refers children for further consultation.

We also co-ordinate the service with other specialised services like Neurology, Cardiology and Orthopaedic surgery, Genetics diagnostic and counselling as well as Palliative care.

We also work with other specialist nurses, health visitors, community nurses, Child and Mental Health and Adolescent Team (CAMHS), Community Learning Disability Nursing Team and Continence Service as well as Community Dentist.

Who we see

In Wigan we see children (0-18) with concern of:

- Developmental delay across all domains.
- Children with communication and speech delay like autism and autistic spectrum disorder.
- Children with behaviour difficulties like Attention Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Assessment and investigation of children with concern of learning difficulties.
- Children with genetic conditions affecting their development and learning like Downs syndrome and other related conditions.
- Children with movement and co-ordination difficulties like cerebral palsy, dyspraxia and other related conditions.
- Children with bedwetting and incontinence.
- Reviewing overall health needs of children and young people who attend special needs school.
- Overall health need assessment for children who are offered EHC (Education Health Care) plan.
- We advise CCG, Education, Social Care and G.P.'s about matters related to safeguarding and looked after concerning children and young people with disability

What we do and what are our services:

- Child development service for children (aged 0-4), led by our Community Paediatrician working closely with Physiotherapists, Speech and Language therapist and Early Years Educational Team. The team deals with children with developmental delay, communication difficulties like autism and other related conditions.
- Assessment of overall health and developmental needs for children with learning disabilities.
- Organising investigations, screening blood tests, x-rays, scans (if needed) for looking for the underlying causes for their difficulties.
- Behaviour assessment in term of ADHD and Autism.
- Assessment and advice for sleep difficulties.
- Co-ordinating the care of our patients across with other professionals like speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and other services like TESS team (Targeted Education Support Service), Educational Psychologist, Autism Multi-agency Panel and Startwell Parenting Hubs.
- Offering best available treatment and management.
- Working in a team with other agencies liked Education and Social Care to address their further needs.
- We contribute to Education Health Care Plan (EHC) by providing reports and health appointment with the consent of the parent.
- We work along with other teams like Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Team.

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- We teach, advice, train and supervise junior doctors, G.P. trainees, G.P.'s and other health professionals as well as contribute to multi agency training.
- We regularly conduct surveys, audit and research to improve ourselves and our services.

Moving on (transition)

Links are made from our Service with other Adult Services to ensure that moving on and transition is as smooth and seamless.

- When the service is involved at the time of transition such as school entries from Child Development Team to primary school.
- Children and young people at special needs school links will be made with Adult Learning Disability Nursing Team and Adult Neuro re-habitation Team.
- Children and young people with ADHD will be transferred to Adult ADHD Team.

We value what you say, routinely time to time we do a survey about gathering your feedback from you to see how we are doing. However we like families to talk to us to have feedback to improve our services.

How to use the services:

- We accept referrals from G.P., other health professionals like General Paediatrician, health visitor, speech and language therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, CAMHS health professionals, with the consent of the parent. All other professionals like Social Care and Education should direct parents and carers to their G.P. for referrals.
- We accept referrals from Educational Local Authority for assessment of Education Health Care Plan (EHC) and school non attendance.
- Specialist ADHD Nurse – Chris Jackson for advice and guidance to the parent/carer regarding management of ADHD. Tel. 01942 822948.
- All referrals including Child Development Team should be directed to Community Child Health Team presently based at Child Health Office, The Hawthorns, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Tel. 01942 822543/773205.
- All referrals are screened by Consultant Community Paediatrician who is based in Community Child Health Office.

Where we see the children:

We try to accommodate patient's needs to their home address.

- Children (aged 0-4) are seen at Early Years Child Development Centre, Platt Bridge H.C. Rivington Ave, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 5NG. Tel: 01942 482468.
- Thomas Linacre Centre. Tel: 01942 822474
- Leigh Health Centre, The Avenue, Leigh WN7 1HR Tel. 01942 483300
- The Incontinence service is run by Community Paediatrician based at Leigh Health Centre Tel: 01942 483300
- Boston House, Wigan H.C. Frog Lane, Wigan WN6 7LB Tel. 01942 482070

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Paediatric Nurses

Our dedicated Paediatric Nurses at Thomas Linacre Out Patient are happy to help you and your child during your short journey at our Out Patient Department. They offer One Stop Shop of blood tests (if needed) after the children have been seen by the Paediatrician. If you have any queries please contact the Paediatric Nurses on Tel. 01942 822474.

Sharing Information

In order to offer integrated high quality service for children and young people with a disability. We share information about the outcome for assessment and all the strategies recommended with other services like nurseries, schools and other health professionals to implement the same strategy on a daily basis.

Also inform other health professionals when a parent does not attend an appointment.

The school greatly helps your child however if you do not want information to be shared you may withdraw your consent at any time.

Further information and links

- Contact a Family www.cafamily.org.uk
209-211 City Road, London Tel. 020 7608 8760. Parent helpline Tel: 0808 808 3555
- The British Academy of Childhood Disabilities www.bacdis.org.uk
- National Autistic Society www.autism.org.uk
- ADHD – www.ADHD.org.uk
- Early Support Information for Parents about Learning Disabilities, behaviour, sleep <http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/resources> (search on Early Support)
- Early Support Publication (like sleep and behaviour), PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham NG15 0DJ Tel: 0845 602 2260
www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/earllysupport
- Cerebra Sleep Services www.cerebra.org.uk
- Sleep Solutions, Wigan Tel. 0808 800 3333
- Challenging Behaviour Foundation www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk
- National Network of Parent/Carer Forums www.nnpcf.org.uk
- Disability Matters www.disabilitymatters.org Tel: 0207 092 6000

We value your view

We will be very happy if you would complete our [evaluation form](#) when you are attending your clinic appointment with the Consultant or other health professional.

Who you can contact if you are not happy

- PALS (Patient Relations) Manager Tel: 01942 773341
- Community Child Health Admin Team Tel: 01942 822543/773205