

Local Offer: Community Paediatrics (West Lancashire)

Service Provider

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Legal Status

Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust is a statutory body which came into existence in 1999 under the National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 890

Our community paediatric services are made up of a team of specialist children's doctors with skills and expertise in child development, immunisation, social and educational paediatrics.

The Community Paediatric Services are closely linked to Acute Services. Progress is being made continually to completely integrate the services. There is a purpose built Development Centre and all the usual Paediatric Services are available

The services do not usually deal with one-off, short term illness, but offers long term support, co-ordination of services and management on a continuous basis to many children with 'special needs', such as a disability or long term illness.

Much of child health work is of a statutory nature, carried out under the Children Act, the Education Act and Adoption Regulations.



The Community Service within West Lancashire

The community services within West Lancashire was transferred into the Integrated Care Organisation in 2011 and, as a result, the Community and Acute teams now work much more closely. The community paediatric team for West Lancashire is based in Ormskirk Hospital. It provides a range of paediatric services across West Lancashire.

Range of Services

The team is based in Ormskirk Hospital within the Paediatric department. The service provides assessment and intervention for children within West Lancashire who show signs of atypical development in the Children' Outpatient Department

The Children' Outpatient Department is a designated children's out-patient facility. There is a large child friendly waiting room available for children and families and a toilet with disabled access and baby changing facilities. A 'family room' is also available and provides a non-clinical environment for meeting and discussions with families. Parking, including disabled parking, is available at the front of the main building although space can be limited during busy periods. The Children's Community Nursing Team have an administrative base within the Children's Department in the same floor.

Peripheral clinics are also held in Skelmersdale, Burscough and Tarleton.

We work closely with colleagues in acute paediatrics, specialist paediatrics, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, ophthalmology and audiology services.

Accessing Services:

Children requiring access to the services mentioned above are usually referred via their GP, Paediatrician or other professionals. All requests for services will be reviewed by the appropriate clinical team before being accepted by the service.

Professional groups working within the service provide multidisciplinary services for children and young people who require assessment, support and intervention to ensure their wellbeing and development. Children who access services are aged from 0 – 16 years and services offered to them will include:

- Specialist assessment
- Investigations and treatment
- Individualised support and management plans for children with long term conditions

Services are provided in child friendly environment by a workforce with a range of specific skills, competencies and training relating to children. All staff have relevant professional registration and are compliant with local trust training programmes

Following assessment, where a clinical need has been identified, and it is anticipated that the outcome for the child can be improved by therapy intervention, a range of therapeutic interventions can be offered to aim to maximise the child's developmental progress and achievements and promote the child's inclusion in family and community life.

Referral Criteria to Children's Community Nursing Outreach Service

The community children's nursing outreach service is a community based nursing service consisting of our paediatric matron, team leader, registered children's community nurses and administrative staff.

The purpose of the service is to enable children with acute or chronic health needs to receive nursing care within their home and working closely alongside other agencies to provide a holistic family centred care, which is respectful of all cultural needs. The service promotes the empowerment of children, young people and their families by providing opportunities that will enable them to live ordinary lives.

The service currently includes the following support for children and young people:

- Support for families, children and young people with long-standing nursing needs arising from complex medical conditions
- Agreed nursing procedures for children and young people with acute needs - for example IV therapy at home
- Assistance and support with Enteral feeding
- Wound, scalds, burns, abscess, post-operative care
- Tracheostomy and ventilation support
- Training and support for carers for family members or any organisation involved in the child's care.

Referrals from A&E, Children's ward or Assessment Unit can be made to the Community Children's Nursing Outreach Team to provide support and care in the home environment if appropriate.

Telephone contacts

Community children's nursing outreach team- 01695 65663

Children's Ward – 01695 656912/656612

Who is the Community Paediatric service for?

Children and young people from birth to the end of school year 13 in Mainstream Schools, and to the end of Year 14 in special schools, living in, or registered with, a GP within West Lancashire. New referrals will be accepted up until the child's 16th birthday.

Who is appropriate to refer?

Children who present with, or are being investigated for:

- Neurological conditions
- Neuro developmental conditions
- Neuromuscular conditions
- Delays in achieving their movement and physical skills, or appear to be achieving them in an unusual way.
- Congenital and acquired disabilities
- Children with a medical condition that results in the main presenting problem being developmental delay e.g. hypermobility, osteogenesis imperfecta, Achondroplasia.
- Working in partnership with specialist services, children requiring an episode of physiotherapy in the community e.g., burns, ABI, post meningitis

And which result in difficulties in one or more of the following areas:

- Movement skills
- Fine motor skills
- Activities of Daily Living

Or children requiring:

- Medical advice as part of a statement of special educational needs assessment or a Health, Education and Social Care plan
- Child protection medical assessments for suspected non-accidental injury or neglect
- Looked after children medical assessments
- Health assessments for children and advice for prospective adopters
- **Pre-school (under the age of 4 years)** assessment of autistic spectrum disorder via the Social Communications Assessment Team

Who is not appropriate to refer?

Where the primary diagnosis or difficulty relates to:

- Obesity management
- Diabetes/ epilepsy/dermatology/ respiratory condition
- A musculoskeletal or orthopaedic condition
- A rheumatology or hypermobility condition
- Pain management
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
- The need for assessment and provision of equipment or adaptations in school/nursery or home.

In addition, referrals will not be accepted for:

- Assessment or treatment relating to the CAMHS Autism Assessment Pathway
- A child who has already received a diagnosis of ASD via the Social Communications Assessment Team (SCAT) and for whom the main reason for referral relates to challenging behavioural needs.
- Children who present with sensory difficulties related to eating and drinking
- The purpose of submission of therapy advice and guidance for children as part of their Education and Healthcare Plan. To ensure up to date information about a child's needs is submitted, this information will be provided only for children who are receiving therapy when their EHCP is being produced.

Who can refer?

The child's GP or Paediatrician, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Children's Community Nursing Team, Allied Health Professionals, Police and other agencies