



Children's Community Occupational Therapy

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What does your service do?

The general occupational therapy service will work with children who have difficulties in the following areas at home or in a school within Croydon borough:

- Co-ordination difficulties (particularly fine motor coordination), including developmental coordination disorder
- Complex handwriting difficulties
- Sensory processing
- Self care, such as feeding and dressing
- Seating and specialist equipment
- Splinting for chronic conditions

Universal resources

Please access our online resources which includes the following:

- Activity programmes
- Online workshops
- Information to access the 20 minute advice telephone consultation with an Occupational Therapist after accessing the online workshops and implementing strategies for a period of time.

<https://www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/childrens-occupational-therapy>

If you need more help....

Access to services (referral process)

- The Occupational Service will see Children or young people registered with a Croydon GP, aged 0-16 years or until the end of Academic year 11 with 4 or more functional difficulties experienced at school or at home for at least 3 months.
- The social care Occupational Therapy services will see children or young people living in Croydon borough. Support available includes provision of equipment, adaptations and housing support.
- Link to referral form:
<https://www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/childrens-occupational-therapy>

What to expect for Health Occupational Therapy input (activities of daily living)

- Your referral will be triaged by an Occupational Therapist, and you will be notified of the triage outcome in writing.
- If your referral is accepted, questionnaires will be sent to parents/carers and education settings to complete and return prior to your appointment.
- You and your child will be offered an appointment within 18 weeks of the referral.
- You and your child will attend your first appointment in clinic.
- The Occupational Therapist might then see your child in school or at home depending on their needs.
- Following initial assessment, your Occupational Therapist will discuss your child's follow up treatment.
- If you do not bring your child to the appointment without notifying the department within 48 hours, your child will be discharged from the Occupational Therapy service. Should your child still require Occupational Therapy input, they will require a re-referral to the service which will be processed as new referral and will be subject to the 18 week wait time.

What to expect for Social Care Occupational Therapy input (equipment, adaptations & housing)

- Your referral will be triaged by an Occupational Therapist, and you will be notified of the triage outcome in writing.
- You and your child will be offered an appointment within 24 weeks of the referral.
- An Occupational Therapist will come to your home to see you and your child to assess the needs identified in the referral.
- Following initial assessment, your Occupational Therapist will discuss your child's follow up treatment (provision of equipment, support with adaptations or housing reports/property viewings).
- If your child is issued with equipment that requires on-going review, they will remain open to the Occupational Therapy service until they are 18 years old, when they will be transitioned over to Adult Occupational Therapy Services at Bernard Wetherill House.
- If your child is issued with equipment that does not require adjustments, their needs change and they no longer require equipment or their intervention has been completed, they will be discharged from the Occupational Therapy service.
- Should your child still require Occupational Therapy input, they will require a re-referral to the service which will be processed as new referral and will be subject to the 24 week wait time.