

Journey from birth to school for children with complex additional support needs

Click on underlined links to find out more

If you care for a child with complex additional support needs we hope this will help explain the teams you may work with as your child progresses towards school. As every child is an individual, the journey may look different for different families.

Health Visitor/Family Nurse (Primary Care)

Every child will have a health visitor or family nurse from 10-14 days old. Your health visitor/family nurse will keep in contact until your child begins school and can provide advice about child development as well as routine screening for developmental concerns.

SCPT (Secondary Care)

Under-5s who need extra support may be referred to a Specialist Community Paediatric Team (SCPT) in one of Glasgow's four Child Centres (Bridgeton, West, Gorbals, Woodside). These teams of paediatricians, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and specialist nurses will work with you to identify or diagnose your child's needs and/or medical conditions and can help you find supports.

Nursery

Children with complex needs are usually eligible for a funded place at nursery from 2yrs old. Nursery staff will work with you to help your child make the best possible progress. The nursery can also ask external education or health professionals, such as educational psychologists or speech and language therapists, for help. Your child may have an individual plan detailing their targets for learning and how these will be supported.

School

Children usually go to school in the year they turn 5. School staff will work with you to understand how your child learns and how best to support this. The school can ask other education or health professionals to help. Any plans from nursery should be continued and your child's plan will be regularly reviewed with you to ensure the right level of support is in place.



Health Teams

EYSS

Nursery

Enhanced Transition



Specialist Health Teams (Tertiary Care)

Children who require specialist medical services for particular conditions will be referred to hospital-based teams. They will remain under the care of the team for as long as necessary.

Early Years Support Service (Transition)

Your health worker will refer to the EYSS who will become involved when your child is around 18mths old. They will help you find an appropriate nursery place and work with you, your child and the nursery staff to ensure the transition goes as well as possible.

Enhanced Transition

In your child's last year of nursery, you and the team around your child will start planning for the move to school. Your child will get support such as extra school visits and chances for you and the team around your child to talk to school staff about how your child learns and what they need to achieve their best.

The Team Around Your Child

If you care for a child with complex additional support needs, we hope this will help explain some of the professionals you may work with. Click on the underlined links to find out more.

EYSS

EYSS (Transition) supports children from 18mths with additional support needs to transition into nursery or other early learning and childcare provision.

Sensory Support

The Sensory Support Hearing and Visual Services support children with a sensory impairment at home and work with nurseries to help them create effective learning environments and activities.

Physio

Physiotherapists work with children, their families and others involved in their care to support children to reach their physical potential.

SCPT

The Specialist Community Paediatric Team is made up of different health professionals who can help identify your child's needs and provide diagnoses. Watch a video about the work of SCPT at Child Centres.

EP

Educational psychologists work in partnership with families and other professionals to support the inclusion of children in nurseries and schools.

SW Disability Team

Contact Social Work Services to find out more about how they can help.

OT

Occupational Therapists provide intervention and/or advice to support children to fully participate in everyday activities.

SLT

Speech and Language Therapists assess and support children with communication and/or eating and drinking difficulties. They can work directly with children but usually work with families and education staff to help them support children.

Neurodevelopmental Assessment

If you think your child may have a neurodevelopmental difference (such as autism, ADHD (attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder) or FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder)), a referral can be made by health or education staff for a neurodevelopmental assessment. These take place at a Child Centre (Gorbals, West, Bridgeton, or Woodside) and will provide diagnostic support.

Further Support for Families

Glasgow Helps is a directory of public and voluntary services in Glasgow. Disability Information Scotland can support you to access information on all aspects of disability, including a directory of disability organisations. Contact Scotland can help you find other families affected by particular medical and health conditions. Enquire can tell you more about your child's education rights.

Organsation	Web Address	Contact Details
Early Years Support Service	No web address currently available.	Located at Hazelwood School: 0141 427 9334
Sensory Support - Hearing Sensory Support - Vision	https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18128 https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18955	Both services are now located at Hazelwood School: 0141 427 9334
Physiotherapy	https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/kids/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-physiotherapy/	Helpline number and opening hours: Glasgow City North: Wednesday 1-3pm, 0141 201 5715 Glasgow City South: Thursday 12-2pm, 0141 201 5212
SCPT - Located at Child Development Centres	https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/kids/healthcare-professionals/#ContactInfoforChildDevelopmentCentresinGG&C	Bridgeton: 0141 531 6550 Gorbals: 0141 201 5030 West Centre: 0141 207 7100 Woodside: 0141 201 5665
Glasgow Educational Psychology Service	https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/glasgowpsychologicalservice/	North East: 0141 276 2170 North West: 0141 276 2070 South: 0141 276 3270
Speech and Language Therapy	https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/kids/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy/	Helpline number and opening hours: Wednesday 1pm-4pm, 0141 211 6056 Friday 9:30am-11:30am, 0141 531 6843 Or e-mail: Alison.Pennie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Occupational Therapy	https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/kids/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-occupational-therapy/	Helpline number and opening hours: Tuesdays 1:30pm - 4:00pm and Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm, 0141 531 6536 Or email ggc.scsoccupationaltherapy@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Social Work Health and Social Care Connect	https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17287	Call: 0141 287 0555
Glasgow Helps	https://www.glasgowhelps.org/	Call: 0141 276 1185
Disability Information Scotland	https://www.disabilityscot.org.uk/	Helpline: 0300 323 9961
Contact	https://contact.org.uk/	Helpline: 0808 808 3555
Enquire	https://enquire.org.uk/	Helpline: 0345 123 2303