

## Sources of Support – Health

### Halton 0-19 Healthy Child Service

The Halton Healthy Child Programme is a service available for all children, young people and families from pre-birth to 19 years and up to 25 years for young people with complex health needs. It is delivered by Health Visiting and School Nurses.

**Health Visitors** support to families before and after birth and up to when your child starts school. They offer pre-birth visits, child health assessments, advice and support and interventions for children and families as required in the 0-5 year range.

More information is available [Health Visitors](#)

**School Nurses** work with children and families during their time at school. The service is skilled in identifying health problems early and in delivering key health messages to improve children's health and well-being.

More information is available [School Nursing Service](#)

### Woodview Specialist Children's Services

Woodview Child Development Centre (CDC) provide a single point of referral for community based specialist therapy, which includes:

- Children's Physiotherapy Service
- Children's Occupational Therapy Service
- Community Paediatric Service
- Neurodevelopmental Nursing Team (NDNT)

Information and links for these can be found in the boxes further below.

Woodview CDC now have their own website which provides lots of information about the different teams within the service, a range of their leaflets, contact details for each team within the service and the step by step process covering their referral pathway.

More information is available:

- [Woodview](#)
- [ASC-ASD-Social Communication Difficulties Pathway](#)
- [Assessment Process ASC-ASD-Social Communication Difficulties](#)

### Children's Occupational Therapy Service

We are a team of Occupational Therapists, Therapy Assistants and Administrative Support Staff who work together to deliver a high quality, efficient children's

Occupational Therapy service to the children and young people of Halton. The service provide:

- Specialist assessment of a child's needs and identification of outcomes and goals for the child
- Advice and intervention on the basis of assessment and clinical need
- An individual management plan developed and agreed with the young person, parents and carers as appropriate with clear goals
- Activities provided to be carried out by families and important others on a daily basis in order to work towards goals
- Specialist assessment and recommendation of equipment for school and nursery, including seating, toileting equipment, and changing facilities
- Evaluation of outcomes and future plans
- Advice on transition and discharge
- Contribution to Education Health and Care Plans as appropriate

More information is available [Children's Occupational Therapy Service](#)

### **Children and Young People's Physiotherapy Team**

Support the child and their family with physical needs and development. The focus is on maximizing a child or young person's physical ability within their everyday activities at home, in education and in their community.

The service will provide specialist physiotherapy assessment, treatment and advice to children who present with underlying medical conditions or general delay where this impacts on their gross motor development.

More information is available [Physiotherapy](#)

### **Community Paediatric Service**

Community Paediatricians are doctors specially trained and experienced in child health who see children outside a hospital.

The Community Paediatrician will see children for conditions which include:

- long term disability (cerebral palsy and learning disability)
- developmental delay with neuro-disability
- specific neuro-developmental problems (e.g. ADHD and Autism)
- genetic conditions and children being fostered or adopted.

More information is available [Community Paediatric Service](#)

### **Neurodevelopmental Nursing Team**

The team works with children aged 0-19, with a diagnosis, such as:

- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Cerebral Palsy

- Global Developmental Delay (GDD)
- children and young people, with learning disabilities and additional health needs.

More information is available [Neurodevelopmental Nursing Team](#)

### **Speech & Language Therapy Service**

Support children and young people aged 0-19 with complex or disordered speech, language and communication difficulties and/or eating and drinking difficulties.

Delivered by a specialist team covering a wide range of clinical areas, working closely with the Local Authority Speech and Language Therapy services to provide a range of therapy choices for children and families in Halton.

More information is available:

- [Chatterbug](#)
- [Talk Halton](#)

### **Continuing Care for Children and Young People**

Children and young people's continuing care describes a tailor made package of support needed over an extended period of time for children and young people with complex health needs which arise because of a disability, accident or illness.

This is for children and young people, aged 0-18 years.

More information about this can be found in in the NHS Halton CCG Standard Operating Procedure guide: [NHS Halton CCG Children's Continuing Care SOP 2019](#)

### **Children's Specialist Learning Disability Services**

The service work with parents/carers to help them develop a consistent approach in the home environment to managing their child's behaviour for children and young people with learning disabilities.

This service is for children and young people, aged 0-19 years to improve their participation in social situations and maximize their educational opportunities.

More information is available:

- [Community Matrons](#)
- [Halton Borough Council's Adult Learning Disability Nursing Team](#)
- [Learning Disability Community Team](#)
- [Dental Community Service](#)

### **Children's Community Nurse Team (CCNT)**

The team provide support to children & young people with complex needs who require nursing care and who may be dependent on technology.

More information is available [Children's Community Nursing Team](#)

### **Children's Contenance Team**

Support children and young people with bladder and bowel issues by offering support when initial interventions have been unsuccessful and for children who have been seen by secondary care services who need support and guidance with treatment and interventions.

More information is available [Contenance Service](#) ..

### **Foot Care-Podiatry**

This service deals with assessment, diagnosis and treatment of the lower limb for people with a clinical or medical need

More information is available [Podiatry - Foot Care](#)

### **Wheelchair Services**

More information is available:

- [Wheelchair Service](#)
- [Wheelchair Service Referral Form](#)

### **Children's Audiology Service**

The service offer expertise in the following areas:

- Universal hearing screening for all new born babies and for school children
- early diagnosis and management of hearing loss for all children who need to see us
- hearing aid fitting after detailed assessment
- ongoing support for hearing aid users
- diagnosis and management of hearing related problems such as tinnitus and auditory process problems

This is for children and young people, aged 0-18 years.

More information is available: [Audiology](#)

### **Children's Hearing Screening Unit**

The Unit offers a New-born Hearing Screen to all babies with either GP in the area or who are born at Whiston Hospital. They aim to complete the screen within 4 weeks of birth and complete the screen before discharge for every baby born at Whiston Hospital.

Any baby failing the screen will be referred on to Audiology for further tests.

[School Nurses](#) provide a School Hearing Screening Service to school children in Halton.

### **Vision - Specific Learning Difficulties Clinic**

Children who are not progressing at school and have difficulties with reading, writing and spelling can access the specialist team of Orthoptists in the Specific Learning Difficulties Clinic (SPLD).

Children have their visual perception skills assessed alongside visual educational tests which identify any defects of visual processing which may be contributing to their difficulties at school.

The Orthoptists work very closely with the SENCO, teachers at school, occupational therapy and education psychology teams to ensure children are supported with any visual therapy or advice that may help their learning. Clinics are held at Warrington Hospital and Halton Hospital.

More information is available: [Visual Processing Difficulties Clinic – Orthoptists](#)

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

Halton's Health Improvement Team provide details about the different types of support that is available to help improve health and look after yourself.

More information is available [Mental Health Information Point](#)

### **Dental Community Service**

The service provides specialised dental care on referral to people of all ages, disabilities and special needs which make it impossible for them to access treatment from an NHS family dentist.

More information is available [Dental Community Service](#)

### **Eating Disorders**

More information is available [Community Eating Disorder Service \(Halton\)](#)