

Derbyshire Early Years SEND Pathways

Derbyshire County Council Children's SEND Services have a strong network of support for children, educational professionals and parents throughout the Early Years. Most SEND provision within the Early Years is accessed through the Early Years Panel although some resources are accessed independently through direct referral. All referral forms are available on the DCC website and the Local Offer (see below for web links).

THE EARLY YEARS SEN PANEL REFERRALS

THE EARLY YEARS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED AND DISABILITIES (SEND) PANEL PRACTICES AN OPEN REFERRAL POLICY SO THAT PARENTS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, THE EARLY YEARS PRIVATE, VOLUNTARY AND INDEPENDENT (PVI) SECTOR, SOCIAL CARE AND SCHOOLS CAN ALL MAKE APPLICATIONS

The following EYRS Support Services are accessed via the Referral for a Derbyshire Specialist Support Service for Children in the Foundation Stage

Support Service for Physically Impaired (SPI)/ Support Service for Sensory Impaired (SSI-VI/HI)

These support services are for all age children; referrals for young children are made through the EYRS Panel

The Early Years SEN Specialist Teaching Service

This service works with children who have complex and long-term needs within the PVI sector. Generally, but not exclusively accessed as part of Derbyshire's Graduated Response.

The Educational Psychology Service

This service includes the Infant Mental Health Project (IMHP) and requests for Education Psychology assessment.

Notification to the Local Authority of a child with SEND

The NHS has a legal obligation to notify the County Council of any child who they are aware of that may have a special educational need. This notification is made via the Referral for a Derbyshire Specialist Support Service for Children in the Foundation Stage form

The following EYRS Support Services are accessed via the Early Year Panel but have unique referral forms



The Derbyshire Portage Service (DPS)

This referral form provides access to The Portage Home Visiting Service; provided to children from birth until the child accesses nursery education.

Criteria: Children who have had a poor start in life or have long term and complex needs.



Assessment places in Specialist Nurseries

This referral form requests 12 week assessment places for children who need more specialist assessment and interventions at Foundation Stage.

There are currently 4 assessment nurseries through the County offering 15 hours a week placements.



Enhanced Temporary Additional Early Years Support (ETAEYS)

(to be known as EYRS SEN Inclusion Fund)

This referral form should be completed for ETAEYS funding applications.

All the above services can be accessed through the following links:

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/special_educational_needs/panels/early_years/default.asp

<http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/>

THE FOLLOWING EYRS SUPPORT RESOURCES ARE ACCESSED VIA INDIVIDUAL PROCEDURES

EYRS SEND Clinic/Helpline

An Early Years SEND helpline is available for advice relating to young children with SEND living in Derbyshire. The helpline is typically accessed by parents, health professionals, PVI nursery sector and maintained sector nursery providers.

EarlyYears.SENHelpline@derbyshire.gov.uk

The Helpline can provide support by:

- *Signposting enquiries to appropriate services and resources*
- *Advising on inclusive practice*
- *Directing EYRS providers to relevant early years descriptors as part of graduated response to the child's needs*
- *Non-child specific advice for children with emerging or moderate needs*
- *Advising on criteria and process for accessing ETAEYS/GRIP/Education Health Care Plans (EHCP)*

Training

The EYSEN Support Service provides training on various topics; both SEND condition specific, strategies for teaching and national and local SEN initiatives. Training can be accessed directly with the EYSEN team, via the Derbyshire Services for Schools site and the Early Years training Directory.

Disability Access Fund

Disability Access Fund (DAF) is available to support 3 and 4 years olds who are in receipt of nursery entitlement and Disability Living Allowance.

Accessed via the agreement between settings and parents.

DAF is a one off annual payment to be used for the child as nursery deem most appropriate.

Support Service for Special Educational Needs (SSSEN). *SSSEN is available to support young children with SEND in maintained nursery schools or nursery classes. SSSEN should be requested via the ETAEYS application form. The Service criteria can be found:*

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/special_educational_needs/support/sssen/default.asp
<http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/>