Buckinghamshire Community Nurses Team for Children/Young People with a Learning Disability

Patient/Carer Information Leaflet
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Who are we?

We are a county-wide team of nurses who are either on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Register as Learning Disability or Children’s nurses. We are all experienced at working with families in our community.

We aim to work with families, professionals and other agencies to improve health outcomes for children and young people with a learning disability.

What can our service offer you?

• We complete a Health Needs Assessment for each child or young person we see.
• We enable families to work on difficulties they are experiencing with their child/young person’s behaviour, toileting or sleep through an individual care plan.
• We see children/young people in various settings to help us understand which areas they need help with.
• We liaise with other professionals to help enhance your child/young persons overall experience of services.
• Sign post you to other resources and services.
• Be aware of the individual needs of children and young people with learning disabilities and how to safeguard them.
• Provide families with information and advice.
• Support the child/young person and their families through transition into adult services.
• On request from schools we work with groups of children/young people around growing up and health promotion.
How referrals are made to us..
Any professional who knows your family can make a referral to us on your behalf. If you would like more information please contact us overleaf.

Eligibility…

✓ We are commissioned to work with any child/young person aged 0 -19 years who is formally diagnosed as having a learning disability.
✓ Children/young people aged between 5-16 years who are diagnosed with a learning disability who have continence difficulties – usually referred to us via their Health Visitor.
✓ The child/young person must be registered with a General Practitioner within the Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
✓ We can work with children/young people placed in residential settings but this must be for no more than 32 weeks per year.

What will happen next?

When we received your referral an appointment for an initial assessment will be arranged with you, this may be either a face to face or a telephone consultation. This will provide us with more information and ensure that the referral is appropriate for our team.

We will then agree and prioritise each child’s/young person’s level of need, a named nurse will then be allocated to work with you on an individualised care plan, enabling you to work on strategies to help with your child/young person. We usually plan to work with families for about six months, we will then review progress and look to discharge
Where are we?

We are based at the following addresses:

**Children & Young People’s Services**
The Hartwell Wing
Stoke Mandeville Hospital
Mandeville Road
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP21 8AL

Tel: (01296) 566014

Team Lead
Tel: (01296) 566016 (referral enquiries)

**Children & Young People’s Services**
**Hale Acre Unit**
Amersham Hospital,
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Amersham
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