



**Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire
and Berkshire West**
Integrated Care Board

Early Years Inequalities- ICB Commissioned Health Services in West Berkshire

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Context

- West Berkshire Early Years Inequalities Group chaired by Interim Head of Education Services and attended by health partners. This forms part of the Multiagency Subgroup of Health Inequalities Task force for the Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Focus on
 - prevention in early years
 - factors in school readiness
 - Currently considering Early Years Intelligence such as school readiness data and family hubs.
- Demand for services increased in the years pre pandemic. Pandemic has exacerbated the situation. 21% increase in demand for SLT in less than 2 years.
- Berkshire Healthcare therapies- service delivery shift to more needs led early advice, prevention and intervention- in line with Ordinarily Available concept
- ICB therapies review 2023.
- Therapy services due to be recommissioned by the ICB in 2024.

Meeting speech, language and communication needs-commissioned services in West Berkshire (1)

Commissioner	Acceptance Criteria	Service Delivery	Service Description
<p>ICB</p> <p>(Royal Berkshire Hospital RBH commission Berkshire Healthcare SLT to provide the early years and Neonatal service within RBH CYP therapy team)</p>	<p>Children under 5 experiencing communication difficulties in conjunction with complex special needs.</p> <p>CYP up to 19, in full time education, under a community Paediatrician with feeding difficulties</p> <p>CYP up to 19, with an Acquired Brain Injury affecting communication/ feeding, and are transitioning from acute/ rehab to local community SLT services.</p> <p>In-patient service to those on acute paediatric wards and Special Care Baby Unit at RBFT</p> <p>Video fluoroscopy Clinics</p>	<p>Dingley Child Development Centre</p> <p>Homes</p> <p>Early Years settings</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Royal Berkshire Hospital</p>	<p>Assessment as a single or integrated discipline. Assess CYP with eating, drinking/ swallowing difficulties.</p> <p>Provide specialist advice & strategies on management of any feeding/swallowing difficulties to minimize risk to client's health & safety</p> <p>Participate in multi-disciplinary assessment for Alternative & Augmentative Communication systems (AAC),and facilitate their introduction.</p> <p>Facilitate referral to a tertiary specialist centres where appropriate.</p> <p>Jointly run Paediatric Video fluoroscopy Clinics with Radiology colleagues to support clinical assessment of feeding difficulties in infants, children & young people</p> <p>Provide support & advice to SLT colleagues regarding clients with complex needs</p>
<p>ICB</p> <p>Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies (CYPIT)</p>	<p>Children who are registered with a GP in West Berkshire, attending a range of early years settings, Children's Centres, children's homes, mainstream and resource base schools and special schools, 2 in West Berkshire</p> <p>Children and young people with difficulties with speech, language, communication, and/or, daily living have been identified; as a result of a developmental condition or unknown factors</p>	<p>Clinics, nurseries, children centres, school, home, a respite facility or at a community hospital locations depending on the needs and circumstances of the service user.</p>	<p>0-19 years-Wokingham, Reading and West Berkshire.</p> <p>Advice and strategies for the family/carer, nursery, or school</p> <p>Training for the family/carer, nursery or school</p> <p>Group or paired interventions, delivered by therapists and/ or assistants</p> <p>Individual support, delivered in a range of settings, delivered by therapists and / or assistants</p> <p>Contribute to EHCPs and relevant processes.</p> <p>Provision for those children with a SALT requirement in section G of their EHCP.</p>

Meeting speech, language and communication needs-commissioned services in West Berkshire (2)

<p>LA Commissioned Services</p>	<p>School age children with an EHCP with SLT listed as an education need under section F, issued by West Berks LA and attend settings in Appendix B.</p>	<p>CYPIT Schools (appendix B) Homes Clinical Settings</p>	<p>Assessment and intervention requiring specialist SLT support in section F in the form of: Direct therapy, education/ training and other activities</p>
<p>West Berks LA</p>	<p>Every Child a Talker Identified children in EY Settings with social communication difficulties</p>	<p>CYPIT Education Settings</p>	<p>Delivering joint training sessions for EY settings Delivering joint training sessions for families Providing coaching sessions after the training for families and setting staff Creating virtual support for developing social communication</p>
<p>University of Reading Clinic</p>	<p>Children aged 17 months to 18th birthday. Open referral system. Any postcode Don't take complex needs, eating/drinking/swallowing difficulties</p>	<p>At University of Reading Clinic</p>	<p>Offer assessment, differential diagnosis (appropriate to SLT scope of practice), treatment and onwards referrals. Face to face and virtual clinics. Nursery/school staff can join by Teams or in person with consent</p>

Meeting speech, language and communication needs in the Early Years (1)

- Needs led
- Open access
- Advice line- speak to a SLT
- 177 waiting at start of January 2024.
- Currently no one waiting
- Families may be given strategies, directed to early language development workshops or offered an appointment depending on needs.

Concerned about a child's communication skills?



Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

How can I help my child learn more words?

How can I help them listen to me?

How can I help them play with me?

Am I doing this right?



Call our **Enquiries Line** to get advice from a **Speech and Language Therapist**:

0118 904 3700

Lines are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 3.30pm.

Available for parents/carers of children aged 0-5 years with a Berkshire GP.

Meeting speech, language and communication needs in the Early Years (2)

Early language development workshops

Monthly online workshops covering early language development. Also, in person in the Health Bus

Designed for parents and carers and those working within early years settings.

- Communication Foundations
- Communication Building Blocks
- Scaffolding Communication
- Autism and Speech Sounds workshops currently being developed

Next live Health Bus session in West Berkshire- June 2024.

- 9 out of 10 people said they would recommend this workshop to a friend, family member or colleague
- 94% rated their knowledge after the workshop as good or excellent
- 93% rated their confidence after the workshop as either somewhat or extremely confident.



Early Language Workshops

On **1st November**, the Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Team will be visiting sites across Berkshire on the Health Bus. Our Speech & Language Therapists will be available for any questions between **1pm and 3pm** and will also be delivering workshops live between **1:30pm and 2:30pm**.



Please scan the QR code below for more information:



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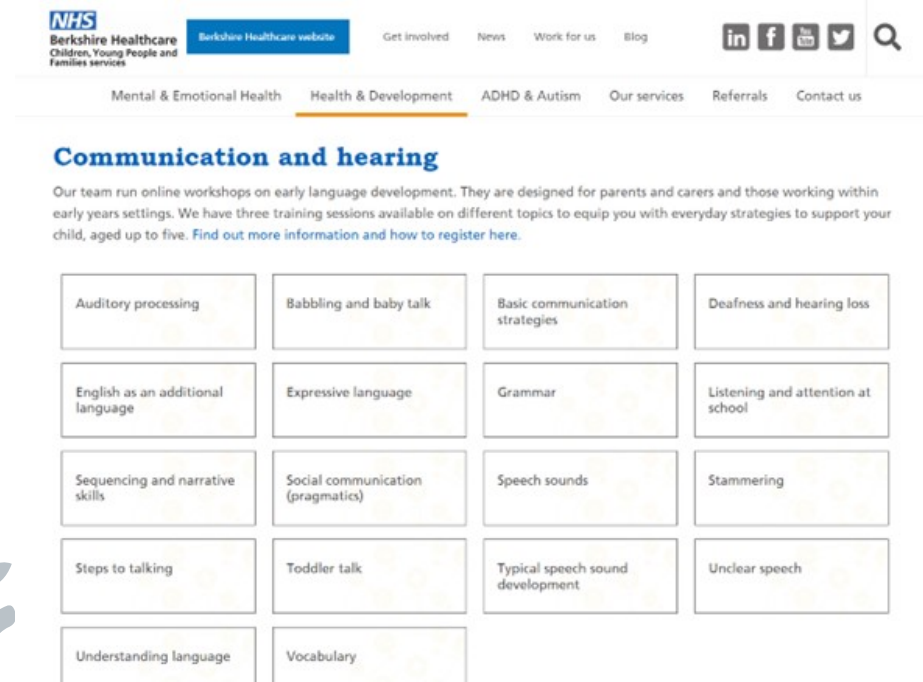
1st November, 1- 3pm



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk

Meeting speech, language and communication needs in the Early Years (3)

- Early Years Surgeries.
- Forum for all Early Years settings. Training, advice.
- Currently working on a targeted training offer for settings that will be available in the Autumn.
- Early Years Information Pack. Every early years setting in Berkshire should have access to this pack which contains further advice and strategies on a range of topics. Live link – materials kept updated
- Online resource available to all [Communication and hearing | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/communication-and-hearing-children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)



The screenshot shows the Berkshire Healthcare website. The header includes the NHS logo, 'Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families services', and a navigation menu with 'Berkshire Healthcare website', 'Get involved', 'News', 'Work for us', and 'Blog'. Social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are also present. The main navigation bar lists 'Mental & Emotional Health', 'Health & Development' (which is highlighted), 'ADHD & Autism', 'Our services', 'Referrals', and 'Contact us'. The 'Communication and hearing' section is titled in blue and includes a paragraph: 'Our team run online workshops on early language development. They are designed for parents and carers and those working within early years settings. We have three training sessions available on different topics to equip you with everyday strategies to support your child, aged up to five. Find out more information and how to register here.' Below this is a grid of 17 topic boxes:

Auditory processing	Babbling and baby talk	Basic communication strategies	Deafness and hearing loss
English as an additional language	Expressive language	Grammar	Listening and attention at school
Sequencing and narrative skills	Social communication (pragmatics)	Speech sounds	Stammering
Steps to talking	Toddler talk	Typical speech sound development	Unclear speech
Understanding language	Vocabulary		

Occupational Therapy provision

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Local Authority	School-aged CYP with a therapy need in section F of their EHCP issued by Wokingham, Reading, or West Berks as an educational need and attend educational settings	CYPIT Schools (appendix B) Homes and clinical Settings during holidays	Occupational therapy is commissioned to provide treatment management to CYP with a Plan requiring specialist occupational support (section F)
ICB (RBH Dingley Contract)	Children aged from birth to end of year 11 and for children aged under 19 years with pre-existing Special Educational Needs and under the care of a paediatrician from registered healthcare professionals Families, children and young people who are registered with a Berkshire West GP or ordinarily resident in the Berkshire West area	Dingley Child Development Centre, West Berkshire Community Hospital Local special schools and mainstream schools Domiciliary visits/ other settings as required	Preschool children School-aged children who do not have an OT provision on their EHCP Children with neurodevelopmental problems Children with developmental coordination disorder Children with complex needs and /or long-term conditions

Meeting OT and sensory needs in the Early Years

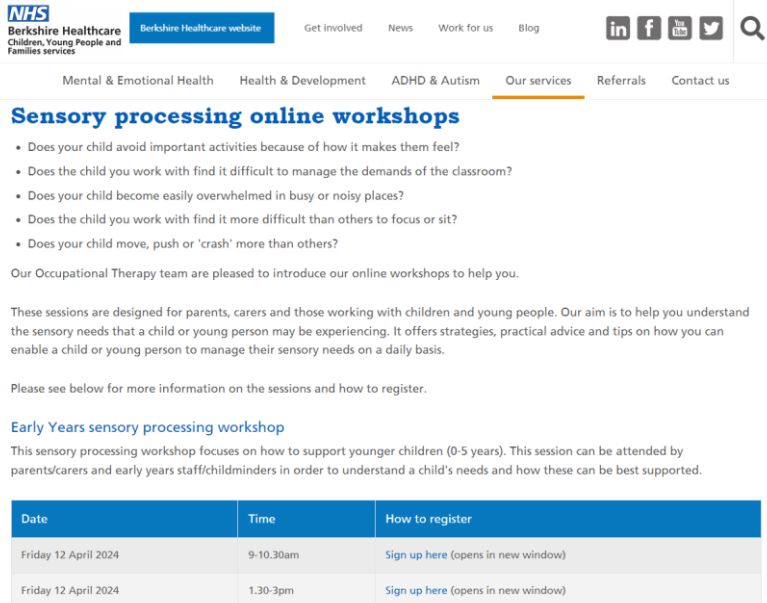
Children's Occupational Therapists support

- Motor skills (fine and gross motor)
- Everyday living skills: e.g. Feeding, dressing, scissor skills, pencil skills
- Posture/seating needs: provision of equipment not provided
- Access to learning environment e.g. physical disabilities
- Impact of sensory processing difficulties on the above deficits

Support available

- Training and advice for families and settings
- Early Years sensory processing workshops
- Sensory processing videos available on YouTube
- Online toolkit

[Independence and school readiness | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/children-young-people-and-families-services/early-years-sensory-processing-workshops)



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Date	Time	How to register
Friday 12 April 2024	9-10.30am	Sign up here (opens in new window)
Friday 12 April 2024	1.30-3pm	Sign up here (opens in new window)

Physiotherapy provision

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ICB (CYPIT Contract)	<p>Children who are registered with a GP in West Berkshire, attending a range of early years settings, Children's Centres, children's homes, mainstream and resource base schools and special schools:</p> <p>2 in West Berkshire</p> <p>Children and young people with difficulties, motor skills, mobility, movement and/or, daily living have been identified; as a result of a developmental condition or unknown factors</p>	<p>Clinics, nurseries, children centres, school, home, a respite facility or at a community hospital locations depending on the needs and circumstances of the service user.</p>	<p>CYP living in West Berkshire 0-19 years old</p> <p>Contribute to EHCPs and relevant processes.</p> <p>Provision for those children with a physiotherapy requirement in section G of their EHCP.</p>
LA Commissioned Services (CYPIT Contract)	<p>School-aged CYP with a therapy need in section F of their EHCP issued by Wokingham, Reading, or West Berks as an educational need and attend educational settings</p>	<p>CYPIT Schools</p> <p>Homes and Clinical Settings during Holidays</p>	<p>Assessment and intervention to CYP who present with a non-acute condition affecting their physical development and/or function with a Plan requiring specialist physiotherapy support (section F)</p>
ICB (Royal Berkshire Hospital Dingley Contract)	<p>Children aged from birth to end of year 11 and for children aged under 19 years with pre-existing Special Educational Needs and under the care of a paediatrician.</p> <p>Families, children and young people who are registered with a Berkshire West GP or ordinarily resident in the Berkshire West area</p>	<p>Dingley Child Development Centre,</p> <p>Local special schools and mainstream schools</p> <p>Domiciliary visits/ other settings as required</p>	<p>Inpatient therapy</p> <p>Outpatient Services for children with neurodevelopmental, orthopaedic, rheumatological and respiratory problems</p> <p>Outpatient Ponseti clinic with Orthopaedic Surgeon from Oxford</p>

Supporting emotional health and wellbeing needs in the Early Years

- Health Visiting team
- GP
- Perinatal Mental Health Team- maternal mental health during pregnancy up to one year after the child is born
- Health Bus
- SHaRON online forums
 - perinatal
 - dads
 - parents and carers
- Autism Berkshire working with Parenting Special Children.





Supporting general health and development in the Early Years

- GP
- Health Visitor
- Referral to Paediatricians/ Dingley Child Development Centre. The Dingley Child Development Centre brings together a team of specialists who assess and treat children and young people who need help to overcome a developmental issue or a complex illness.
- Notifying LA of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

ANY
QUESTIONS?

