

# Early Development SEND Pathways

Pre birth abnormalities identified during ultrasound – option for referral to screening and foetal medicine teams for support and pre birth diagnosis

Consultant Paediatrician: supports a full assessment of a child's developmental needs and onward referral to appropriate specialist health services.

Post birth paediatrician assessment – physical disability or diagnosed condition identified

West Berkshire Family Hubs: [Family Hubs - West Berkshire Council](#) offer Family Support Worker support, family learning courses, sessions for children/families including support and advice on healthy eating, sleeping, parenting. As well as monthly SEND specific drop in sessions for families. Face to face and online support available at flexible times.

West Berkshire Health Visiting Team - where there are concerns about infant development, complex needs and/or a disability, West Berkshire Health Visiting team will complete an assessment to identify needs and strengths and children will have a needs-led care plan initiated if appropriate. Chat Health Text messaging service 07312263283 for on going consultation, advice and support from the Health Visiting service

Maternity services discharge baby/family from hospital to community Health Visiting team where baby lives

**Baby is born (Home address is within West Berkshire)**

If applicable 'Notification of SEND' is sent from hospital Paediatrician to West Berkshire Early Development & Inclusion Team and West Berkshire Health Visiting Team

**Child lives in West Berkshire area**

West Berkshire Early Response Hub - for access to range of additional West Berkshire children and family services [The Early Response Hub](#) - West Berkshire Council self referral is available for families.

Baby is registered with West Berkshire GP for on going community based health support and on going referral and signposting to specialist services where appropriate

**Additional needs are identified at birth or in early infancy**

West Berkshire Health Visiting Service provide community based assessment and support and on going referral to specialist health services such as Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy where appropriate.

West Berkshire Early Years Team - general advice on children with emerging SEND needs and signpost Early Years settings to resources, funding opportunities and support services. EY Advice Line: 01635 503500 [earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk)

**Emerging or additional needs identified during Early Years (0-5 years)**

The West Berkshire Early Development and Inclusion Team (EDIT) - early intervention support for children with additional needs. Advisory teachers from the Service work in partnership with parents and carers, early years practitioners, and a range of health and social care professionals to promote a child's learning and development. [learningsupportteam@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:learningsupportteam@westberks.gov.uk)

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West Berkshire Early Response Hub: supports families who would benefit from a range of early help support services through co created assessments known as My Family Plan: [The Early Response Hub - West Berkshire Council](#)

Occupational Therapy Service - support preschool children to perform everyday activities, become as independent as possible, and interact with others and the world around them. <https://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/services-and-departments/occupational-therapy/childrens-occupational-therapy>

Speech and Language Therapy Service support children and young people whose difficulties are impacting on their everyday life. [Speech and Language Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](#)



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**Parenting Special Children:** Provides specialist parenting support to parents and carers of children and young people with Special Needs. <https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk>

To find out about developments and innovations in SEND services for children/families locally follow West Berkshire Innovation in SEND Blog [Innovation in SEND - West Berkshire Council](#)

**Home Start:**  
<https://home-startwestberks.org.uk/>

West Berkshire Family Information Service (FIS) - [Family Information Service \(FIS\)](#) - [West Berkshire Council](#) offers a telephone and online directory to provide free and up-to-date information for parents, parents to be, carers and professionals.

West Berkshire SEND Parent Carer Forum works in partnership with West Berkshire Council, the NHS and other professionals and partner organisations and connects with parents across the district to help everyone understand the bigger picture of what life is really like for SEND families - identifying problems as well as what's working well. To find out more about what the Parent Carer Forum do email [admin@westberkssendpcf.co.uk](mailto:admin@westberkssendpcf.co.uk)

**Swings and Smiles:** Open seven days a week, providing a place to play and support for children with special needs and their families. Contact: [office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk](mailto:office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk)  
[www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk](http://www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk)

**Council for Disabled Children:** [Council for Disabled Children](#)

CYPIT OT also run a sensory processing live online workshop specifically for supporting preschool children. This is a universal workshop so open to everyone. Sign up is via our website:  
<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-integrated-therapies/sensory-processing-online-workshops/>

SEND Information and Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) - support for those living or working with ages 0-25 with SEND. Providing impartial advice on what steps to take in the areas of Education, Health, and Social Care.  
<https://westberkssendiass.info/about-us/>

**On going local SEND information, support and advice for children/families**

**Dingley's Promise:** Support for families, includes specialist nursery provision, family support worker, and a stay and play session. Contact: [admin@dingley.org.uk](mailto:admin@dingley.org.uk) [Contact Us - Dingley's Promise](#)

**Cerebra:** Supporting children with brain conditions. <https://cerebra.org.uk/>

**Health Visiting:** New Birth Visits, Postnatal (6-8 weeks), 9mth and 2 year health and development reviews

**Key opportunities to explore and identify emerging SEND needs during Early Years**

**SEND Local Offer** - information about the services, support and activities available for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in West Berkshire. It's a guide to what you can expect to find in our area and how you can access that service. [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Local Offer - West Berkshire Council](#)

West Berkshire family Hub sessions, courses and SEND drop ins

**West Berkshire Mencap:** Provides high quality services for people with learning disabilities, their families, carers and professionals. [Welcome to West Berkshire Mencap - West Berkshire Mencap \(wbmencap.org\)](#) For Little Mulberries at Mencap contact: [caz.austin@wbmencap.org](mailto:caz.austin@wbmencap.org)

**NASEN** - National Association for Special Educational Needs - a charitable membership organisation that exists to support and champion those working with, and for, children and young people with SEND and learning differences. [Home page | NASEN](#)

Early years settings - as part of on going assessment of child's development

GP Surgery - 6 - 8 week baby check and 8wk, 12 wk, 16wk, 1 year and 3 yr 4 month childhood immunisations

