

CHILDREN'S THERAPY TEAM

The children's therapy team provides specialist assessment and therapy for babies, children and young people across North Lincolnshire. We are based in Scunthorpe at:

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The team is made up of occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists and is community based, working in nurseries, mainstream schools, special schools, children's centres, community clinics, people's homes and the child development centre. We work closely with parents and other professionals, including health visitors, early years practitioners and family workers.

	What we do	How children can access the service
Speech and language therapy	Speech and language therapists service supports children who have speech, language and communication needs. The main focus of our work is to help children develop the best possible communication skills, taking into account their individual needs, difficulties and abilities.	Professionals can refer with parents' consent. There is a referral resource to help practitioners identify which children may need support. It contains the referral form and checklist. If you do not have access to this, please ring us on the above number to request a copy.
Occupational therapy	Occupational therapists support children with a wide variety of medical and developmental conditions which affect their everyday skills such as feeding, dressing and toileting as well as their learning and social opportunities. We aim to help children reach their potential through therapeutic intervention, assessing for equipment and advising key adults in a child's life.	Referrals need to come through a health professional – so the family should contact their GP, health visitor, Paediatrician or other allied health professional. If you have concerns and are considering a referral, please ring us to discuss it and get advice.
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapists are responsible for assessing and providing therapy and/or specialist equipment for children with a range of physical difficulties. We aim to maximise function and improve participation through a variety of therapeutic means based on individual need.	Referrals need to come through a health professional – so the family should contact their GP, health visitor, Paediatrician or other allied health professional.
Nutrition and Dietetics	Dietitians are trained to provide nutritional advice for children with a wide variety of diagnoses in which nutrition, growth, and/or feeding are affected.	Referrals need to come through a health professional – so parents/carers should contact their GP or health visitor or discuss with their paediatrician if they have one.