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| How to refer to the Children’s Learning Disability Health Team?The service can be accessed by a GP, School Nurse, Health Visitor, Care Manager, Teacher or anybody else who is key-working a child.We will need the following information, * Child’s details (name, address, date of birth, contact telephone number GP and School).
* Medical details and diagnosis (if known).
* Relevant history.
* Initial assessment, if available.
* Current care plans, if available.
* Details of other services or professionals involved.
* Service requested.

A referral form is available and should be completed. For a copy, please contact the team (details on the back of this leaflet).***Please include confirmation that parents/carers have given consent for the referral to this service.***  |  | *Personal information on a child is kept confidential at all times and is only shared on a strict ‘need to know’ basis to support care and treatment. If we want to use information for any other purpose, except when we are required to do so by law, we will obtain consent from a parent/carer and/or child.*Referrals to the Children’s Learning Disability Health Team can be sent to:Children’s Learning Disability Health TeamSt Edmunds (First Floor)Victoria Park Road,PlainmoorTorquay,DevonTQ1 3QHTelephone: (01803) 656570**email:** **cldt.torbay@nhs.net**TSDFT staff can find referral forms and copies of this leaflet our intranet pages:<https://icon.torbayandsouthdevon.nhs.uk/areas/childrens-learning-disability>*In an emergency you can contact your local Social Services Department who also have an emergency out of hours team:* The telephone number for Torbay is:(01803) 208100*.* |  |  Specialist Support Team Children’s Learning Disability Health Team  |
| What does the Children’s Learning Disability Team do?We are a community based nursing team that provides a service for children and young people, who have a learning disability. Our main aim is to provide additional skills, support, advice and guidance, to work alongside existing teams, professionals and carers. Here are some examples of where we could help if the child or young person meets the criteria for acceptance by the Team:• Health Education• Healthy Lifestyles & Wellbeing• Sleeping patterns, routines and Sleep-  focussed training days• Behavioural Support & Advice including;  Eating and Toileting issues, Epilepsy,  Mental Health issues etc.• Help with communication difficulties • Child development associated with learning  disabilities• Personal hygiene• Behavioural issues associated with Autistic  Spectrum conditions• Safeguarding (Child Protection)• Sexual health• Supporting access to primary and secondary  Health Services including; Hospital  admissions, specialist consultations, Doctors  appointments (This list is not exhaustive) |  | Which Children/Young People do we work with?The age range for the service is 0-18 years. The child or young person is likely to have a diagnosis of a learning disability, ie ‘***an enduring developmental delay that has a significant impact on the daily life of the child and the family.’*** Due to the disability, the child will need significant assistance in ***each*** of the following areas:* *Development, including cognitive functioning*
* *Social skills*
* *Behaviour*

The learning disability may also affect the child’s physical and sensory development, emotional well-being, communication skills and health needs.• The service will give priority to children and young people whose normal behaviour challenges service delivery and causes significant strain to their families. • If you are not referring a case to us but would like some advice on the above issues, please contact the child/young person’s GP, School Nurse or Health Visitor. |  | How do we work with children and their families/carers?* We aim to build up a good relationship with the child and family. We liaise with and gather information from relevant people who are involved with the child.
* Provide advice & support to families/carers.
* Carry out detailed assessments and observations.
* Implement behaviour strategies.
* Advice/support with writing and reviewing care plans, training programmes, risk assessments.
* Offer training relevant to the needs of the child and their care setting.
* We may also refer to other professionals.
* Work closely with other agencies.
* “Help reduce barriers and support the child/young person to pursue a fulfilling life”. *(DH 2007)*

 *“Good Practice in Learning Disability.*  *Department of Health. 2007”****The team also facilitate a networking & support group for the parents/carers of children &Young People with a learning disability (S.A.N.G.), held approx. 6-weekly at Paignton Library.*** ***Please contact the team for details.*** |