

Under 5's - Early Years Coordination Team (EYCT)

"Getting an early start"



The purpose of the Early Years Co-ordination Team is to ensure that pre-school children have access to services as early as possible and ensure that their needs are identified prior to starting formal education



The EYCT is represented by the following services:

- Community Paediatrics
- Early Years Inclusion Team
- Educational Psychologist Service
- Paediatric Occupational Therapy
- Paediatric Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Sensory Service
- ASD Outreach Services
- Early Years (0-3) keyworker



A child can be referred to the Early Years Coordination Team if they:

- Are aged between 0 to 5 year of age
- Live in the borough of Greenwich or have a Greenwich general practitioner (GP).
- Has complex health, developmental and/or learning difficulties
- The child needs to be known to or likely to need, three or more professional services represented on the team



and/ or

- A health professional is making a RBG Early Notification of Needs sometimes called a 'Section 23 Notification'

What is a Section 23 Notification?

Health services are required to make a Section 23 Notification to the Local Authority if they believe a child under school age has or is likely to have, special educational needs or a disability (SEND)



Who can refer to the EYCT?

Any professional within:

- Health
- Children's Services
- Voluntary Sector
- General Practice



The Referral form for the Early Years Co-ordination Team should be completed by the referrer for a child after discussion and signed agreement with his or her parents

PLEASE NOTE: if a health professional is ONLY making a Section 23 Notification, they should discuss this with the parent, but the parent will not need to sign for an Early Years Co-ordination Team referral



The completed Early Years Co-ordination Team referral form and supporting information must contain details of:

- All professionals involved and their reports
- A summary of the child's current difficulties
- Background information
- Parent's views



Referrals can be sent to:

Single Point of Access Team
Memorial Hospital
Shooter's Hill
London
SE18 3RG



If you have any questions, please

Call:

0208 836 8621 ext 2



Or you can email:

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