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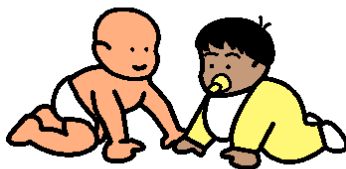
# Child Development Service Pre-School Team



## **Child Development Service – Pre School Team**

This leaflet explains the role of the Pre School Team. We hope this will help you with what to expect if your child is referred to this service. However, if you have any questions please contact us on the details at the back.





Pre school aged (birth to starting school) children are referred to this service when parents or professionals have concerns about their development. The referral is discussed by a group of professionals who have knowledge and skills in child development. If an assessment is required you will be contacted by our Liaison Nurse (Colly Paul) who will meet you to explain the process. She will co-ordinate the assessments that are required for your child.

Following assessment you will receive further support and follow up depending on your child's needs. This will be from the most appropriate professional(s) to meet the assessed need.

The Pre School Team forms part of the Child Development Service (CDS). You can find out more about the CDS by visiting [www.gov.gg/cds](http://www.gov.gg/cds)



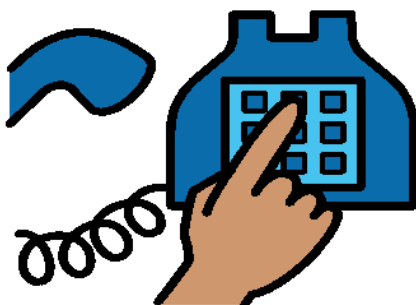
## Admin Team



Pauline Chick

When you visit the Child Development Centre (CDC) you will be greeted by Pauline

If you have any queries before or after your visit to CDC, Pauline will be on hand to take your calls and put you through to the relevant member of our team. If the person you require is unavailable they will help if they can and if not will pass on a message so that your query can be answered as soon as possible.



## Pre – School Children’s Liaison Nurse



Colly Paul

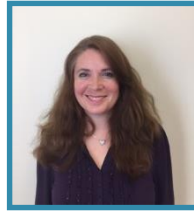


Hello, my name is Colly and I’m the Children’s Liaison Nurse for the pre-school team at the Child Development Centre. My role is to work with both yourself and your child and with all the team members within the Child Development Services. As well as having close links with the health visitors, community speech and language team and Paediatrician's. I’m also here to keep you updated about what the next steps are for either assessment or intervention and also to offer support and someone you can get in contact with if you have any questions. I will be involved with your child until they either start school or no longer requires our services. My aim is to provide and promote a more continuous service for children with additional needs.

I undertake all home visits to meet children who are referred to the Centre.

I’m based at the Child Development Centre and work Tues to Fri morning’s term time only. Even when I am out of the office there are people here that can help so no need to wait till I’m in if you have an urgent question, my telephone number is **213612** and the main office is **213600**.

## Educational Psychologist, Senior Practitioner Early Years



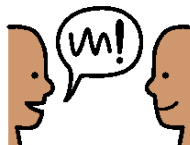
Dr Ali Ring

Educational Psychologists have knowledge and experience in how children learn and develop. We all work together with parents, nursery and school staff to improve learning opportunities for children. We may be involved in helping to plan for the child starting school.

My role within the Child Development Service is to contribute to the assessment of the child and gather information on their cognitive and learning skills, their ability to think, reason and problem solve. This will help understand the child's strengths and needs and how these may be best met within an educational setting.

I will meet the parents to discuss ways in which to support children's learning and the development of communication and interaction through play. I can also discuss any concerns parents may have in their child's needs.

Educational Psychologists are always involved in the detailed assessment of the educational needs of children and young people with longer-term difficulties.



## Consultant Paediatrician



Dr Claudia Rettberg

A Paediatrician is a doctor who has specialist training and experience in the health and developmental needs of children. The Paediatrician working as part of the CDS team will assess a child's health and any problems which impact on their development. They will discuss with the young person or parent/carer what further assessments might be required; any referrals to other sources of support, any diagnosis that have been made and what this means for them. They will often arrange to see child again to review their progress



## Occupational Therapy Team



Raney  
MacPherson



Jenny  
Hutchison



Vanessa  
Battle



Ros Wilson

Occupational Therapists (OTs) help children to be functionally independent in their every day activities or occupations.

OTs divide these occupations into three areas:

**Self care:** personal care activities such as dressing, eating and toileting.

**Productivity/pre-school activities:** activities children take part in at pre-school such as colouring, writing and using scissors.

**Play and Leisure:** fun activities such as playing with toys at home.

The OT in CDC will observe activities children are having difficulty with and work with you to find ways to help your child achieve their full potential and to be as independent as possible.





## Pre - School Speech and Language Therapist



Kate Acton

I am the Speech and Language Therapist working within the team. My role is to assess your child's communication. This will be during the group and will include discussion with you.

Communication involves a wide range of skills including play, interacting with others, listening, attention, understanding, speaking and putting words together.

Speech and language therapy input may continue after the group and this may be via training for you, and/or individual or group work with you and your child.



## Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychologist



Dr Kate Diment

I am the Clinical Psychologist for the Child Development Service. My role in the preschool team is to contribute to the assessment of a child's strengths and needs in development. My assessment is based on a combination of observing a child play, talking with parents and using a structured play-based schedule.

When children experience areas of difficulty in development this can also be reflected in emotional and behavioural concerns. I will look at how a child's developmental needs may be contributing to these concerns, and how best to support them.



## Children's Physiotherapy Team

The Children's Physiotherapy Team is based at Le Rondin School and Centre within Children's Therapy Services.

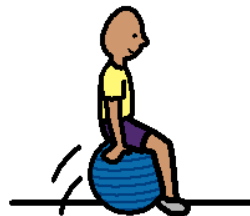
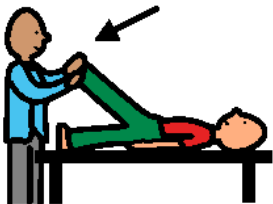
Your child may be referred to the physiotherapist if they are experiencing slow physical development, physical problems or following an injury or surgery.

The assessment process enables the physiotherapist, child and parents/carers to develop a plan of treatment appropriate to the child's needs and goals. Once the treatment action plan has been agreed, it is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure its effectiveness.

Treatment may be delivered by a physiotherapist or one of our trained assistants and may take many forms including:

- Outpatient appointments
- Specific exercise programmes/Home exercises/Advice
- Hydrotherapy
- Pre-School/School visits

Our aim is to help your child to achieve their full potential and to become as independent as possible.



## Contact Us

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