

SUPPORT - Referrals

School: School has a team of specialist SEN teachers who can teach on the wards (ages 2-19.) We teach across the hospital on inpatient wards and can also support pupils in the school rooms by arrangement. **Please ring extension 8269 to refer.**

Learning Disability Team: The learning Disability and Autism Team consists of a Nurse Consultant and a Clinical Nurse Specialist. The Team covers all inpatients and outpatient areas.

If your patient has a Learning Disability or Autism you can let the team know and we are there to support the children, Families and the clinical teams. To know more or to contact us about a patient please email learning.disability@gosh.nhs.uk or you can send an order on EPIC.

Speech and language therapy

The Inpatient Speech and Language Therapy team consists of a small group of therapists. We are not allocated to specific wards and work across all inpatient wards/specialisms. We support infants and children with communication, feeding and/or swallowing difficulties during their inpatient stay, providing assessment, advice, therapy and onward referrals. Please refer by telephone or via email using the contact details below-we are happy to discuss any referrals if you are unsure as to whether or not they are appropriate

Extension: 8110

Email: Dysphagia.Info@gosh.nhs.uk

Occupational Therapy:

The inpatient occupational therapy team work on a number of wards, covering a variety of specialities. Our work involves supporting children and young people to do the activities they want and need to do in order to participate in everyday life. We do this by helping them adapt to the challenges they face as a result of illness and or disability through direct assessment and treatment. We also complete referrals, liaise with community services and support discharge planning so that individuals have access to ongoing support and intervention as necessary once they leave the hospital. To refer, please ring extension 5439 or email

occupationaltherapyadmin@gosh.nhs.uk

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Physio:

The Physio team can be referred to by ringing extension 5144.

Music Therapy:

Music motivates and engages. Music Therapy sessions include patients' responses in musical experiences that address the areas of communication, social, motor, and cognitive skills. All patients actively contribute to the creation of music within group or individual sessions. Together we sing, vocalise, play instruments, listen, and move. Special attention is given to the development of self-esteem, concept, expression, and creativity while interacting musically with others.

To make a referral, email: katya.herman@gosh.nhs.uk with the following information:

- Ward name
- Patient's full name and DOB
- MRN
- Reason for the referral

Or call extension 1087.

Play:

Specialised and therapeutic Play Service provide opportunities for play to happen for children and young people when they are in hospital at GOSH. Access to play and recreation is a human right (UNCRC article 31).

Playworkers will take notice of children's interests and needs and can make sure they have opportunities to play in the way that they like. This is good for supporting development which is normal for them as individuals.

Play Specialists can also support normal play but will also help to make sure children and young people feel as in control of their treatment as possible and understand what is happening to them. They can use distraction and coping techniques to make having treatment less scary or worrying.

On the ward they may be in the play room or area but can also be reached on extension 8849 from within the hospital. For referrals contact:

play.referrals@gosh.nhs.uk