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Service:	Community Medical Services (Area Medical Officers)
Address:	HSE, Kildare West Wicklow, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-907974
Service Manager :	Dr Brian Redahan, Principal Medical Officer, Elinor Lyons Building, HSE Meath Campus, Heytesbury Street, Dublin 8 Mobile 087-2849140

What the Service Provides

Community Medical Doctors assess preschool children referred by local public health nurses in Community Child Health Clinics. The majority of referrals originate with the local public health nurses; however, referrals are also accepted from all members of the multidisciplinary team such as physiotherapists, dieticians and speech & language therapists.

These clinics are both efficient and easily accessible. Appointments are offered in a timely manner, usually within a few weeks of the original referral. The child is evaluated in their local health centre, which not only provides a local familiar setting for the parents and child; but also provides access to the child's full developmental health record and to the referring public health nurses. The indications for referral are vast and encompass any cause of concern regarding childhood growth or development.

Common indications for referral to Community Child Health Clinics:

- Assessment of possible Developmental Dysplasia of Hip.
- Assessment of head shape, head circumference, anterior fontanelle size.
- Assessment of focussed or more global suggestions of developmental delay.
- Concerns regarding vision e.g. possible strabismus or hearing.
- Concerns regarding growth e.g. failure to thrive or childhood obesity.
- Concerns regarding undescended testis.

Common roles of Community Child Health Clinics:

- To provide support, advice and reassurance for parents.
- To identify children who need urgent referral and to then arrange urgent investigations and appropriate referral to specialist paediatric services.
- To provide referral to appropriate multidisciplinary community services such as physiotherapy, community dietician, speech & language therapy and referral for assessment of need.
- To provide follow up review appointments and offer watchful waiting in the community.
- To provide advice on Primary Immunisations.

Limits of Community Health Clinics:

There are cases in which referral to The Community Health Clinic is not appropriate. These include acute childhood illnesses such as otitis media, respiratory tract infections etc and also common chronic childhood illnesses including asthma, eczema and allergy. These conditions require medical treatment and are more appropriately managed by the child's general practitioner.

Who can access service:	Children age 0-5 (preschool) living in Kildare West Wicklow catchment area.
Service Location(s):	The child health service is available in HSE Community Health Centres and Primary Care Centres in Kildare West Wicklow.
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral.
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Referral Form is available in HSE Community Health Centres & Primary Care Centres.
Waiting List Timeframe:	Appointments are offered in a timely manner, usually within a few weeks of the original referral. Urgent cases are provided with sooner appointments on request. Waiting lists can fluctuate depending on demand and the number of doctors working in the service
Model of Service:	The Community Health Clinics provide personal appointments for each child. The child is evaluated in their local health centre. The initial appointments are approximately 15 - 20 minutes in duration; however, more complex cases may require time and will be offered a longer appointment.

Additional Commitments of Community Health Doctors

Schools Immunisation Service:

Community Health Doctors deliver vaccinations as part of the schools immunisation teams. There are programs in both primary schools and secondary schools. The Primary School Vaccination Program provides booster doses of MMR and Tdap (4 in 1). The Secondary School Vaccination Program provides delivery of Tdap, Meningococcal C and HPV vaccinations. All children of school going age are eligible for these vaccinations.

Infant BCG Vaccination:

BCG Vaccinations are currently suspended due to the unavailability of BCG Vaccines. It is likely when supplies are available only targeted vaccination for infants of "High Risk Groups" will be offered. The suspension of universal BCG vaccination will be replaced with enhanced surveillance and monitoring of TB in the community.

Assessment for Allowances:

Community Health Doctors also carry out medical assessments for The Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme on behalf of the Revenue Commissioners who have responsibility for its delivery. Only individuals who meet the strict medical criteria laid down in the scheme are deemed eligible.

Service:	HSE Community Audiology
Address:	HSE, Kildare West Wicklow, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-882471
Service Manager :	Julie-Anne Gahan, Operations Manager – Contact – 045-882471

What the Service Provides

The primary role of the paediatric Community Audiology department is to identify children with hearing impairment and provide ongoing audiological monitoring and /or hearing aids to manage hearing loss where appropriate. Community Audiology also provides ongoing audiological monitoring for certain groups of children who possess a risk factor for late onset or progressive hearing loss e.g. down syndrome, Di George syndrome, craniofacial abnormalities, congenital CMV children.

Who can access service:	All children up to the age of 18 years until they are finished full time education.
Service Location(s):	Community Audiology services for the Kildare / West Wicklow region are currently accessed in Naas General Hospital.
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral.
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	The form can be accessed electronically by Hse staff on the change hub on HSEland. You can also contact the Kildare/West Wicklow Paediatric Secretary (Patricia Smith) on 045 882 471 should you require the form in paper format.
Waiting List Timeframe:	1-3 years depending on staffing capacity
Model of Service:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial appointment is offered to assess hearing lasting 35-45 minutes and future appointments are dependent on the outcome of this:- • If hearing is satisfactory in both ears, the client is typically discharged from Community Audiology. • If a risk factor for late onset hearing loss is identified or testing is incomplete at the initial assessment, the client is recalled for a 35-45 minute review to retest. The frequency of appointment timescales is subject to the clinical need and is determined by the clinician on an individual basis but typically ranges from three months to one year.

Model of Service cont.:

- If a hearing loss requiring hearing aids is identified, the client is recalled for an appointment lasting 1 hour 15 minutes to fit the aids. The client is recalled for follow up six weeks later and will have regular review appointments typically occurring either biannually or annually thereafter until the age of 18 years or when the client finishes third level education.
- The National repair service is a walk-in service located in 44 North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1 and this service offers advice and hearing aid repairs as required. Clients unable to attend this service can post their aids and these will be returned by courier.
- All client contact is one-to-one. Community Audiology does not run group intervention clinics for the Paediatric population at present.
- If clients are medically compromised/impaired longer appointment times may be necessary for adequate testing and/or fitting.

Service:	Dublin South West Kildare West Wicklow Dental Service
Address:	Office of the Principal Dental Surgeon, Vista Primary Care Centre, Ballymore Eustace Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045 986868.
	Office of the Principal Dental Surgeon, Dental Office, HSE Health Centre, Old County Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
Contact Number:	01 4154791
Service Manager :	Dr. Siobhan Doherty, Principal Dental Surgeon, First Floor, Vista Primary Care Centre, Ballymore Eustace Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045 986868

What the Service Provides

To aim of the public dental service is to improve the oral health of the whole population and the functions of the public dental service reflect this broad remit.

There are a number of core components to the service including:

- Provision of emergency care to eligible patients.
- Oral health promotion and dental health education.
- Clinical assessment and treatment programmes for children via the school dental programme.
- Special care services to adults and children.
- Treatment under conscious sedation in dental clinics in Naas Hospital and Old County Road.
- Hospital-based provision of treatment under general anaesthetic to adults with special needs in Naas Hospital.
- Referrals inwards and outwards including assessment and appropriate referral to orthodontic services using the Department of Health and Children Orthodontic Guidelines.
- Water fluoridation.
- Epidemiology.
- Administration of the Dental Treatment Services Scheme – the adult choice-of-dentist scheme.

The out of hour's emergency dental service is provided via the Dublin Dental University Hospital.

<p>Who can access service:</p>	<p>The following categories of patients are eligible for HSE Dental Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All pre-school children - All primary level pupils - All children under 16 years who have attended National School - Medical Card holders - European Health Card holders (emergency treatment) - E 128 form holders (routine treatment) - Refugees with Refugee Agency ID Cards who are awaiting Medical Cards (emergency treatment) - Residents of UK on production of evidence of UK residence (e.g. UK Driving Licence, Social Security details etc) (emergency treatment) - Others whose entitlement is confirmed by the CEO or his/her delegated officers
<p>Service Location(s):</p>	<p>Vista Primary Care, Newbridge Health Centre, Celbridge Health Centre, Athy Health Centre, Naas General Hospital, Blessington Health Centre, Maynooth Health Centre, Old County Road health Centre, Mary Mercer Health Centre, Millbrook Lawns Health Centre</p>
<p>How is Service Accessed:</p>	<p>With exception of emergency patients, the dental service operates by a targeted approach whereby eligible patients are targeted for dental services.</p>
<p>Referral Form Required:</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How to access Referral Form:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Waiting List Timeframe:</p>	<p>Dental service does not maintain waiting lists</p>
<p>Model of Service:</p>	<p>Direct clinical based services and oral health promotion services to individuals groups.</p>

Service:	Community Nutrition and Dietetics
Address:	Clane/Kilmeague PCT, HSE, Abbeylands, Clane, Co Kildare Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045 986313
Service Manager :	Mairead Aherne, Primary Care, Abbeylands, Clane, Mobile: 0879683015 Email:mairread.aherne@hse.ie

What the Service Provides

We provide a service to paediatric and adult clients throughout the life cycle. We offer both 1:1 consultations and group education programmes depending on the condition. In general we provide the following:

- Nutritional assessment of oral intake
- Anthropometric assessment
- Advice on micro nutrient deficiencies related to oral intake
- Advice on macronutrient deficiencies related to oral intake
- Advice on appropriate nutritional therapy required for treatment of diagnosed medical conditions

Who can access service:	Primary care clients who meet the referral criteria.
Service Location(s):	Paediatric Service located in Vista Primary Care and Maynooth Health Centre. Adult service located in Clane Primary Care and Maynooth Health Centre. We are currently looking at providing satellite clinics for adults and paediatric clients in Athy and Kildare so that our services would then be open to all eligible clients throughout KWW. (Clinics commencing July 2016 in Athy).
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral. Referral must be in line with referral criteria and use the appropriate referral form. It must also include all information requested in order for the referral to be prioritised appropriately.

TABLE 2: PAEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE NUTRITION & DIETETIC SERVICE

REFERRAL CRITERIA

URGENT

Faltering growth with no organic cause

- Falling centiles - a downward deviation in weight across 2 or more centile lines
- A marked discrepancy between length and weight centiles - e.g. weight centile 2 centile bands or more below length centile

Weight management

Obesity (on BMI chart/BMI look-up): > 98th centile

Overweight (on BMI chart/ BMI look-up): 91st – 98th centile

Mild/Moderate Non-IgE mediated Cow's Milk Protein allergy as per MAP guidelines (Breastfed or formula fed)

ROUTINE

Constipation

Parental education on early feeding

Iron deficiency anaemia/other diagnosed nutritional deficiency e.g. Vitamin D deficiency.

Fussy Eating

Assessments of Need

Note:

- Dietetic therapy is not currently available at primary care level for children with sensory or oro-motor food related challenges.

There is currently no primary care dietetic service available for the following client groups:

- Children who are under the care of disability services
- Children who need to access dietetic care as part of the hospital service they are attending
- Clients with Eating Disorders

Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	<p>Members of primary care teams with access to dietetic service have referral form.</p> <p>Letters of referral also accepted once all pertinent information present. We are in the process of updating our referral pack and will disseminate to all PCTs in the next month. Alternatively staff/services can contact the dietician manager Mairead Aherne to request a referral form. mairiad.aherne@hse.ie</p>
Waiting List Timeframe:	Approx 26 weeks for adults
Model of Service:	<p>One to one interventions – frequency of review based on clinical opinion of therapist clinics held twice/ three times weekly.</p> <p>Adult Group programmes for Weight management (PHEW) and X-PERT for Type 2 Diabetes. Both programmes run for 2-3 hours for 6 weeks.</p> <p>PHEW: Run in Clane PCC</p> <p>XPERT: Run in 1) Vista PC courses planned for July 2016 and Nov 2016</p> <p>2) Celbridge Library planned for September 2016</p> <p>Contact Carrie Keating 014632827 to refer, self referrals accepted to XPERT</p>

Service:	Tusla Family Support Service
Address:	St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.
Contact Number:	045-882443
Service Manager :	Deirdre Grace, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. 045-882443

What the Service Provides

We are a team of Family Support Workers who provide home based support and intervention to children and their families. We provide support in many different ways, parenting guidance and advice, information, link to community services, emotional support, support parents establish daily routines for school, bedtime, advocacy, practical help to families to complete forms and make applications.

Who can access service:	A family where there are children under the age of 18 years.
Service Location(s):	The service is a home based service provided throughout Kildare and West Wicklow.
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral.
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Referral Form is available Admin Support in the Social Work Dept, St. Mary's Naas.
Waiting List Timeframe:	<p>This varies and is assessed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>We are a team within the Social Work Dept in Tusla. Cases are prioritised for allocation based on their assessed risk within the context of child protection and child welfare concerns, those most at risk will receive propriety allocation, and the aim is that the waiting period for these cases is minimal. Referrals that are received where there are no child welfare or child protection concerns are screened and placed on a waiting list for allocation if deemed appropriate for the service. Unfortunately these referrals may be on the waiting list for a longer period of time if they do not reach criteria for priority allocation.</p>
Model of Service:	Service is home based, and is provided on a one-to-one basis with families. This can involve working with 1 or both parents, with parents and children, and with children, as part of an overall family intervention

Service:	HSE Kildare West Wicklow Home Support Service
Address:	St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-907980
Service Manager :	Martina Hallissey, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. 045-907980

What the Service Provides

The Home Support Service is a service provided by the HSE to a family to help support identified needs of a child or adult with a disability. The service is provided for a specific purpose and for a defined period of time. It is individualised to meet the needs of the child/adult with a primary diagnosis of moderate/severe intellectual disability or autism. It offers practical, hands – on support within the client's home or community.

Who can access service:	<p>Client must live within the catchment area of Kildare/West Wicklow.</p> <p>Primary diagnosis must be moderate/severe intellectual disability or autism.</p> <p>Client must be referred by a social worker from any of the three NDT's in KWW.</p> <p>Adult clients must be referred by social worker from one of the 3 voluntary agencies from KWW – Kare, St. Raphaels or Muiriosa Foundation.</p> <p>If child not part of the NDT but living in KWW area, referral will be received from social worker from the school/service where the child attends.</p>
Service Location(s):	Service is a home based service delivered throughout the Kildare West Wicklow area.
How is Service Accessed:	<p>Professional Referral from– Social Worker from NDT KWW, school/service child is attending or 3 voluntary agencies, Kare, St. Raphael's or Muiriosa Foundation.</p> <p>The provision of Home Support hours is based on an assessment and in-depth discussion with family/carer and the social worker, working with the family. To help support identified needs of child/adult with a disability. The service is provided for a specific purpose, and for a defined period of time.</p>
Referral Form Required:	Yes

How to access Referral Form:

NDT referrals are received from social workers within those services. They complete an assessment form which is also signed by a parent/carer. They generally also submit a detailed referral letter. This may be emailed or posted to Admin Staff, Home Support Services, St. Mary's, Naas. Adult referrals come via letter from the social worker working with the family involved.

Waiting List Timeframe:

This varies and is assessed on a case by case basis. Support hours are prioritised based on information submitted on the assessment form by the social worker. The aim of the service is to ensure a fair and equitable management of new referrals. However, should a crisis situation present within a family eg. Bereavement, illness, family breakdown, challenging behaviours or complex needs etc, the service aims to respond immediately and will liaise closely with the social worker to ensure the necessary supported intervention is put in place. The assessment form has a priority rating which is used to inform the allocation of hours. Referrals that are received with a low priority rating may be placed on a waiting list as service provision is dependent on available resources, both budgetary and staff.

Model of Service:

Home Support service is individualised to meet the needs of the child/adult. The home support worker works with the client in the family home, offering practical support or engaging client in learning/play activities. They may also take client out to pursue leisure activities or engage them in other age appropriate activities, as suggested by the carer or members of the professional team working with the client, to assist the client in their development. The benefits here are two fold. Firstly, the client benefits from one to one support and the carer gets some respite from caring. The service is delivered in the main by a HSE support worker, who has an agreed level of experience and who is Garda vetted. On occasions, approval may be given to employ agency staff for a specific purpose if required.

Service:	Children’s Network Disability Team
Address:	South Kildare Network Disability Team (currently) Barrow Mill, Rathangan Road, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-532378. Manager: Nicole Dyrssen
	Mid Kildare Network Disability Team Enable Ireland Building, Jigginstown, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-875676. Manager: Elaine Murray
	North Kildare Network Disability Team (currently) 2nd Floor, Primary Care, Abbeylands, Clane, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-986301. Manager: Anne Hughes-Kazibwe
Disability Manager:	Siobhan Murphy, St. Mary’s, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-907981

Our mission is to work in partnership with Children and Young People with disabilities, with their families, to support their development and to enable active participation in community life

What the Service Provides

Network Disability Teams provide interdisciplinary support services to children aged 0-18 years who present with needs identified as complex. We are a team of professionals with different expertise working in partnership with families, school/outside agencies to develop and implement integrated intervention programmes.

Who can access service:	Children & young person’s whose developmental needs are identified as complex according to the National Access & Criteria Policy; referral is made to the Network Disability Team.
Service Location(s):	South Kildare Network Disability Team, currently, Barrow Mill, Rathangan Road, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-532378
	Mid Kildare Network Disability Team, Enable Ireland Building, Jigginstown, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-875676.
	North Kildare Network Disability Team, currently, Primary Care, Abbeylands, Clane, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-986301.
How is Service Accessed:	Self & Professional Referral
Referral Form Required:	Yes

How to access Referral Form:

The professional or family may contact the appropriate team via letter or phone call and a referral form will be sent directly to the parents/guardian.

Waiting List Timeframe:

Varies from 3 months-12 months (average)

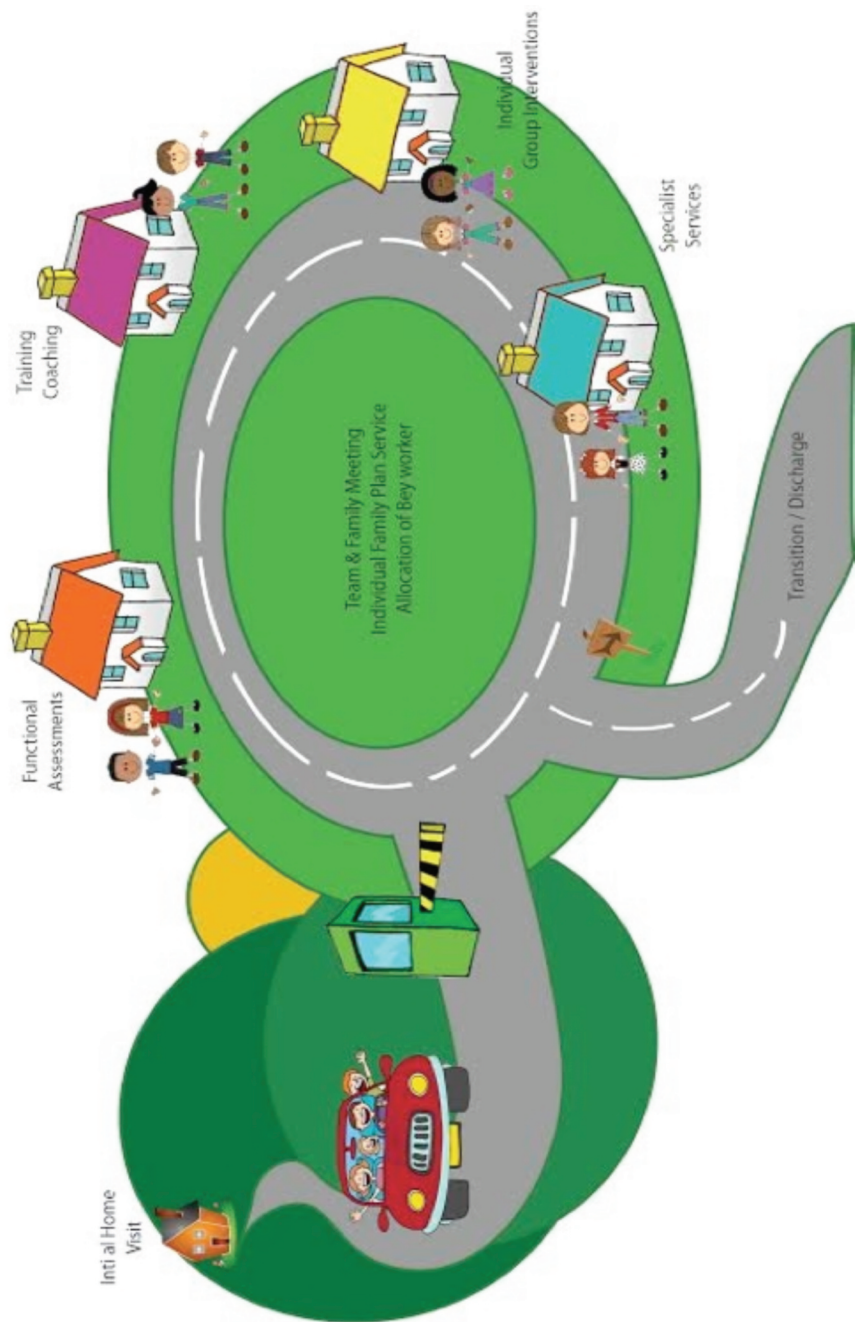
Model of Service:

Family centred practice underpins the model of service provided by the NDTs. Family- centred practices recognise that families are integral to the lives of their children and children are best supported in the natural environment of their family. Families are responsible for meeting the needs of their children but may need support in doing this. The Network Disability Teams aim to maximise family's capacity to meet their child's needs and provide supports required through different types of approaches.

- Universal interventions may include training events and information sessions for families and educators.
- Focused interventions may include groups, specific training package or information session for families.
- Targeted interventions may include e.g. home visits which may include include parent coaching, school/ preschool visit, individual intervention sessions, review/assessment of equipment, orthotic and seating clinics.
- Specialist supports may include e.g. motor management services

Supports provided to a child/young person or family are determined by the child's individual needs in collaboration with themselves and their family.

MODEL OF SERVICE
Kildare West, Wicklow Network Disability Team



Service:	Primary Care Paediatric Occupational Therapy Department
Address:	St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-907991 (Re. O.T. Parent Advice Clinic only – 045 907940)
Service Manager :	Nóra Cahill, O.T. Manager, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare

What the Service Provides

We provide a Primary Care Paediatric Occupational Therapy service to children and young people up to the age of 18 years (17.11 years) who reside in the catchment area and are not wait-listed for or currently attending other statutory or non-statutory agencies e.g. Network Disability Team (NDT) or Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

Who can access service:	Children and young people up to the age of 18 (17.11 years) who live in the Kildare/West Wicklow area who are not wait-listed for or currently attending other statutory or non-statutory agencies e.g. NDT or CAMHS. Children with a motor skill difficulty, sensory processing difficulty or a medical condition which impacts on their functional ability and participation in daily living activities are eligible to access our service.
Service Location(s):	It is available throughout Kildare/West Wicklow. Staff are based in St. Mary's, Naas. We do use other centres in Newbridge and Clane at times.
How is Service Accessed:	Professional & Self Referral
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Many schools and allied healthcare professionals have our referral form. It can also be sent out upon request by contacting 045-907991.
Waiting List Timeframe:	Approximately 12-18 months
Model of Service:	Individual assessment at point of entry to service (screen or standardised assessment depending on needs). Majority of children are offered group intervention of 5 weekly sessions for approx. 1 hour. If a need is identified by the OT, children can be offered up to 2 additional 1 hour individual sessions. If the OT deems that a child's needs cannot be met through group intervention a child can be seen for approx. 3-4 individual sessions. School visits are not routinely completed but can be conducted at the discretion of the OT service. Parent Advice clinics are run on a monthly basis – each appointment slot is 30 minutes and parents can book an appointment in advance. Appointments are open to any parent whether their child is on the OT waiting list or not.

Service:	Child Optical
Address:	St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.
Contact Number:	045-907979
Service Manager :	Ann O'Shea, General Manager, Millenuim Park, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-880400

What the Service Provides

We provide Ophthalmology services to children from birth to 13 (or when they leave primary school), and to children above the age of 13 who have a medical card.

Who can access service:	All children living in the Kildare West Wicklow area.
Service Location(s):	Naas, Newbridge, Athy & Maynooth
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral We get referrals from school vision screenings for children in Senior Infants, PHNs for children from birth to 5 years of age, GPs, Area Medical Officers, and Community Optometrists.
Referral Form Required:	Yes or referral letter.
How to access Referral Form:	Accessed at Community Optometrists. GPs send in referral letters there is no specific referral form. PHN's have referral forms in their health centre.
Waiting List Timeframe:	<p>The following are approximate figures as we are still in the process of validating our waiting lists:</p> <p>Naas Vista Clinic (includes Kill, Kilmeague, Sallins, Clane, Prosperous, Ballymore Eustace, Roberstown, Allenwood, Carragh, and Donadea). Urgent referrals 4-6 wks Routine referrals 5 mths</p> <p>Newbridge Old Health Centre Clinic (includes Athgarvin, Milltown, Rathangan, The Curragh, Suncroft, Kilcullen, Monasterevin, Kildare Town, Colbinstown, Kildangan, and Calverstown). Urgent referrals: 6 months Routine referrals: >6 months (pending national eye services review).</p> <p>Maynooth Health Centre Clinic (includes Leixlip, Celbridge, Straffan, Enfield, Moyvalley, Carbury, Kilcock, Rathcoffey, Johnstownbridge, Derrinturn, and Ardclough). Urgent referrals: 6 months Routine referrals : >6 months (pending national eye services review).</p>

Waiting List Timeframe cont.:

Athy Health Centre Clinic (includes Nurney, Moone, Maganey, Kilmead, Ballitore, Narraghmore, Castledermot, Kildangan, Kilkea, and Kilberry).

Urgent referrals: 6 months Routine referrals : >6 months (pending national eye services review).

West Wicklow clients are seen one day a month in Newbridge Old Health Centre (includes Blessington, Manor Kilbride, Grangecon, Valleymount, Dunlavin, Donard, Hollywood, Baltinglass, Stratford on Slaney, Inchsquire, and Kiltegan.

Urgent referrals: 6 months Routine Referral: >6 months(pending national eye services review).

We are also operating an over 8 scheme where children on our waiting list that are between the ages of 8 and 12/13 (depending on when they finish primary school), are discharged by our Community Ophthalmologists to the care of the Community Optometrist and are still entitled to the current contract amount of €51.82 towards the cost of their spectacles.

Model of Service:

All clinics are one to one and children are seen by either a Consultant Ophthalmologist or an Orthoptist. The frequency of each clinic for each clinician are as follows:

Naas – 12 per month

Newbridge – 3-4 per month

Maynooth – 3 per month

Athy – 1 per month

Wicklow – none, children from the Wicklow area are seen once a month in Newbridge Health Centre

Service:	Paediatrics, National Children's Hospital
Address:	National Children's Hospital, Tallaght, Dublin 24
Contact Number:	01-4142000
Service Manager :	Dr. Joanne Balfe, Dr. Emma Curtis, Dr. Denise Mc Donald

What the Service Provides

Paediatric medicine. Medical assessment of children. The Dept of Developmental Paediatrics and Neurodisability provides paediatric care to children with complex disability. We assess and manage children with a broad range of developmental disorders, including children with recognised genetic disorders who require ongoing medical follow-up, children presenting with significant developmental delay less than 2 years of age and children with complex medical needs. Children who have diagnosis of other developmental disorders for example autism, intellectual disability and developmental co-ordination disorder are assessed and investigated for potential causative factors and medical co-morbidities (e.g. sleep disorders, nutritional concerns). The Paediatricians on the team are happy to consider all referrals/queries.

Who can access service:	Children up to the age of 16 years
Service Location(s):	National Children's Hospital, Tallaght, Dublin 24. There is a paediatrician attached to the Management of Tone Service in the Mid-Kildare NDT
How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral - Health care professionals including other paediatricians, child psychiatrists, GPs, Community health doctors and allied health professionals in primary care and at Network Team level.
Referral Form Required:	Letter of referral from professional
Waiting List Timeframe:	18 months but children with urgent medical need are prioritised If health care professionals have significant concerns regarding the health of a child, we welcome enquiries and will prioritise if necessary.
Model of Service:	Medical out-patient clinic- a full medical history is taken a physical examination performed and investigations including blood tests or radiological investigations are ordered as required.

Service:	KWW Primary Care Paediatric Physiotherapy Service
Address:	St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-907970
Service Manager :	Una Mallon, Physiotherapy Manager, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-907970

What the Service Provides

We provide a Primary Care Paediatric Occupational Therapy service to children and young people up to the age of 18 years (17.11 years) who reside in the catchment area and are not wait-listed for or currently attending other statutory or non-statutory agencies e.g. Network Disability Team (NDT) or Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

Who can access service:

The child must reside within the catchment area and not be under the care of the network disability team or another physiotherapy service.

Your primary care physiotherapist will assess a child with:

- Developmental delays - delays in meeting motor milestones, including delayed walking, clumsiness, poor balance, co-ordination difficulties and gait abnormalities.
- Neurological concerns - asymmetry of movement, lack of movement in limb/limbs, muscle weakness (mild severity).
- Orthopaedic concerns - plagiocephaly, torticollis, in-toeing, out-toeing, flat feet, bow legs, knock knees, asymmetries in posture and postural concerns.
- Post trauma
- Post surgical rehabilitation (including orthopaedic rehabilitation for the Athy and Baltinglass areas only).
- Rheumatology - inflammatory and non-inflammatory conditions as their primary diagnosis

We cannot offer a service where specialist respiratory physiotherapy intervention is required for example: the use of assisted ventilation, suction and manual hyperinflation.

We cannot treat children who are medically unstable, who require oxygen or who need to be medically monitored during physiotherapy intervention.

Should the child's need be more complex than can be treated at primary care level the physiotherapist will refer them on to:

- A Consultant or Specialist Physiotherapist in an Acute Hospital
- Appropriate Network Disability Team
- GP or source of referral for further investigation

<p>Service Location(s):</p>	<p>Services are provided in the Primary Care Physiotherapy Departments at the following locations:</p> <p>St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy (059 8643081) Vista Primary Care, Naas (045 986800) Newbridge Primary Care (045 491900) Clane Primary Care (045 986300) Baltinglass Hospital (059 6451614)</p>
<p>How is Service Accessed:</p>	<p>Self and/or Professional Referral Referrals are accepted from a number of sources including: Paediatricians, GPs, Area Medical Officers, Maternity Hospitals, Acute Paediatric Hospitals, PHNs, Allied Health Professionals, AON Officer, Parents and Guardians. Referrals from the Network Disability Teams may be accepted following consultation with the relevant team members.</p>
<p>Referral Form Required:</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How to access Referral Form:</p>	<p>Main Physiotherapy Department and the Primary Care Centres</p>
<p>Waiting List Timeframe:</p>	<p>3-6 months</p>
<p>Model of Service:</p>	<p>All children are assessed individually by a physiotherapist. Follow up treatment is provided individually or as part of a group if appropriate. At all times the child will be recognised as being central to all aspects of the treatment delivery, with consideration given at all times to maintaining the integrity of the family unit.</p>

Service:	Primary Care Psychology
Address:	Newbridge Primary Care Centre, Naas, Primary Care Centre & Kildare Health Centre.
Contact Number:	Newbridge -045 491910, Naas 045 986821 & Kildare 045 533285
Service Manager :	Dr. Hester O' Connor, Primary Care Psychology Manager, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-873200

What the Service Provides

This service provides assessment and brief intervention in relation to mild/moderate psychological difficulties / issues/ queries to people across the life span. In addition the service is involved in psycho-educational projects aimed at providing basic psychological knowledge and skills to groups of people through classes and talks.

Who can access service:

The talks and classes can be accessed by anyone who registers, irrespective of their address.

Each Psychologist operates a drop in parenting advice clinic that can be accessed without appointment. They operate from Newbridge, Kildare and Naas and can only be accessed by parents/carer's who live in the Primary Care Network area (teams) covered by the Psychologist. They operate on a first come first served basis and parents are encouraged to attend without their child.

Direct referrals of individuals residing in the catchment areas referred to above to the Primary Care Service can be made by any member of the Primary Care team or health professional. The service does not accept school or self referrals. A must not be under the care of the network disability team or CAMHS.

Service Location(s):

At present there are just three Primary Care Psychologists in this area.

Dr. Gary Collins provides services to the Newbridge and Kilcullen Primary Care Teams and is based in the Newbridge Primary Care Centre.

Dr. Julie Connolly works as part of the Kildare, Monasterevin, Rathangan Primary Care Teams and while currently in the Kildare Health Centre on Tully Rd., will be based in the New Kildare Primary Care Building when it opens.

Dr. Rosario Power, is part of the Naas, Kill and Blessington Primary Care Teams and is based at Vista Primary Care in Naas.

How is Service Accessed:	Professional Referral
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Available from any of the Primary Care Psychologist & Primary Care Teams.
Waiting List Timeframe:	Typically within 6 weeks for a consultation session and up to 10/11 months for further individual sessions if required.
Model of Service:	<p>This service is based on the stepped care model.</p> <p>Talks/classes at a broad, general level that can be accessed by all.</p> <p>Next, the advice clinics that can be accessed by parents/ carers with particular questions or issues who seek advice.</p> <p>Then consultations are provided to those referred in order to explore support options and introduce ideas or strategies that the client might be able to use while awaiting further sessions.</p> <p>Parents/carer's may continue to attend the advice clinic after consultation.</p> <p>Up to 6 or 8 individual sessions can be offered, but only after a lengthy wait.</p>

Service:	Public Health Nursing
Address:	HSE, Poplar House, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare.
Contact Number:	045-907814
Service Manager:	Sheila Geoghegan, Poplar House, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare. 045-907814

What the Service Provides

Community nursing which involves dressings, injections, delivery of nursing care to sick and terminally ill, and care of over 65s also child development assessments to all under 5s

Who can access service:	Terminally ill, sick, chronic sick, over 65's & Under 5's
Service Location(s):	Local Health Centre/ Primary Care Team throughout Kildare West Wicklow
How is Service accessed:	Self or Professional Referral
Referral Form Required:	Yes – in the case of other professional making referral
How to access Referral Form:	Generic Primary Care Form available online
Waiting List Timeframe:	None
Model of Service:	Service delivery is:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to one intervention e.g. in clinic • Group intervention in support groups e.g. breast feeding groups • Advice clinics e.g. parenting classes • Frequency & duration of above depends on the needs of the clients

Service:	Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Service
Address:	Central Admin Support Office, Vista Primary Care, Ballymore Eustace Road, Naas, Co. Kildare
Contact Number:	045-986802
Service Manager :	Deirdre Shiel, Speech & Language Therapy Manager, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045-986802

What the Service Provides

Speech and Language assessment and therapy services for children and young people up to 18 (17.11yrs) of age who reside in, or are under the care of HSE, in the Kildare West Wicklow Local Health Office area.

Who can access service:	Referrals can be made in respect of children and young people up to 18 (17.11yrs) of age who reside in, or are under the care of HSE, in the Kildare West Wicklow Local Health Office area. Referrals are accepted where the client presents with Primary Speech and Language needs and where the Community Speech & Language Therapy Service is identified as the appropriate service to meet the client's needs. Referrals are also considered for children with non complex difficulties, whose needs can be met within the framework of a Primary Care Team. Children with more complex needs may attend other services e.g. Network Disability Team, CAMHS.
Service Location(s):	Speech and Language Therapy clinics are currently based in Naas, Newbridge, Athy, Baltinglass, Maynooth and Celbridge.
How is Service Accessed:	Self Referral and/or Professional Referral There is an open referral policy, which means that professionals (with parental consent) and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) can request referral to the service.
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Referral forms can be accessed from any Speech and Language Therapy clinic in the Kildare West Wicklow LHO area.
Waiting List Timeframe:	Currently 10-12 months for Initial Assessment (Waiting list times can vary depending on staffing levels)
Model of Service:	Assessment includes a range of formal and/or informal assessments. The outcome of the assessment is discussed with the client/parent(s)/carer(s). Models of service delivery post assessment may include specific advice, parent training / information workshops, teacher training workshops, direct intervention such as individual or group therapy, school/home programmes and review.

Name of Service:	Tusla, Child and Family Agency
Address:	Tusla, Athy Health Centre, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 059 8633535
	Tusla, Celbridge Health Centre, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 016303577
	Tusla, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045 882400
Area Manager:	Patricia Finlay, Poplar House, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045 907891

What the Service Provides

Historically Tusla provided services in the areas of child protection and cases of serious welfare concerns. Tusla now have a wider remit and covers the spectrum of services from early intervention, prevention and family support right through to more acute need including referrals to social work team under Children First and also providing services to children in care. Education and Welfare Services and Domestic Sexual and Gender Based Violence services are also under the umbrella of Tusla. For further information on these services please see www.tusla.ie

Who can assess Child and Family Agency in Kildare/West Wicklow:

In relation to referrals to Social Work team in Tusla, Child and Family Agency, has the legal remit under the Child Care Act 1991 to investigate child protection and child welfare concerns. A report under *Children First* can be sent to the Intake Social Worker based in St Marys, either verbally and then followed up by completing the Standard Reporting Form. The Intake Social Worker will undertake preliminary inquiries and screening to clarify the nature of concerns, record details and check records for previous contact. The first consideration when receiving a referral is the immediate safety of the child. There are 4 possible outcomes at this point.

1. Closed to social work and no further action
2. Closed to social work and diverted for a Local Area Pathway response. These are for referrals that do not meet the threshold for social work but the presenting issues highlight a number of unmet needs for the child that would benefit from a co-ordinated response (this is the Meitheal Model), or a single agency response is required. Parenting supports are offered through this pathway including family support. The Meitheal model is voluntary and requires parental consent and is an interagency meeting with parents and child/young person present to identify needs and plan actions to meet the outcomes identified for the child.

<p>Where Service Accessed:</p>	<p>3. Closed to social work and signposted to universal services</p> <p>4. Meets the threshold for initial assessment by social work</p> <p>Tusla, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare. Contact Number: 045 882400</p>
<p>How is Service Accessed:</p>	<p>Professional & Self Referral</p> <p>For Social Work referrals, they must reach threshold for intervention</p> <p>The intake social worker also provides an information and advice role</p>
<p>Referral Form Required:</p>	<p>Standard report form under Children First. Referrals are also taken over the phone if necessary/urgent. Families are not required to complete referral forms.</p>
<p>Access to Referral Form:</p>	<p>See www.tusla.ie</p> <p>In relation to Local Area Pathways, where there are child and family support networks established, the Network Co-ordinators can provide direct information on parenting supports including the process for initiating a Meitheal request.</p>
<p>Model of Service:</p>	<p>Service covers spectrum from early intervention to acute need, as such models include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intake service – screening and preliminary enquiries regarding referrals in order to determine the proportionate response to the referral. • Signposting to relevant services including diversions to Meitheal and Local Area Response under Pillar of Prevention, Partnership and Family Support • Range of parenting supports offered including Family Support Service which is a home based service, access to Parent's Plus and Strengthening Families Programmes • Parenting 24/7 information advice on line • Individual case work with families/children and therapeutic interventions • Social Work initial assessment (pillar of Child Protection and Welfare) when case meets threshold for social work-child protection. This assessment determines unmet needs and risk of harm in order to plan and provide appropriate response. • FAIM-(Family Assessment Intervention Model) undertake initial assessment for welfare cases (that meet the threshold for social work) and FAIM workers offer tailored short term intervention based on outcome of the assessment. This is a partnership model with Kildare Youth Services and Tusla. • Alternative care including residential and fostering (Pillar of Alternative Care) • Individual case work with families/children and therapeutic interventions

Service:	Assessment of Need	
Address:	HSE, Kildare West Wicklow, St. Mary's, Craddockstown Road, Naas, Co. Kildare	
Service Manager :	Mark Jefferies, Assessment Officer	045 -907985
	Shelly Dempsey, Liaison Officer	045 - 907989
	Siobhan Murphy, Disability Manager	045 -907981

What the Service Provides

The Assessment of Need (AON) under the Disability Act 2005 is a statutory process aimed at establishing the health needs of persons with a disability.

AON entitles the applicant with a disability to a statement containing:

1. A determination of whether or not the applicant is found to have a disability
2. The nature and extent of the Disability
3. Health needs arising from the disability

Who May apply?

The Assessment of Need is available to children born after 1st June 2002 who have or who are thought to have a disability.

The Disability Act defines Disability “as a substantial restriction in the capacity of the person to carry out a profession, business or occupation in the State or to participate in social or cultural life in the State by reason of an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment”.

Where professionals/parents feel that Assessment of Need is appropriate i.e. where there is a valid concern that a child has a disability, it is vital that parents are fully informed that the Assessment of Need is a disability related process. The basis of an application for Assessment of Need is that the child is acknowledged to have or likely to have a disability.

When should I consider an application?

Not all children who are experiencing difficulty in some aspect of their lives warrant a disability related assessment in the first instance. Many cases can be addressed by linking parents or other concerned parties with the appropriate HSE services for advice and/or intervention through direct referral to services i.e. Network Disability Teams & Primary Care Services or attendance at Primary Care Psychology Service Parent Advice Clinics (where available), Paediatric Occupational Therapy Parent Advice Clinic or contact with Community Speech & Language Therapy Service for telephone advice. This pathway should always be considered in the first instance. An Assessment of Need is not required to access HSE or educational supports.

- Where there is clear evidence of a functional deficit/delay for a child that is impacting on their everyday functioning
- Where there is clear evidence of a developmental disorder
- Where the delay/disorder is likely to be long-term and requires ongoing clinical interventions

The Assessment of Need is not a diagnostic service, and may produce valid reports which outline the nature and extent of a child's disability without producing a named diagnosis.

Assessment of Need/HSE does not offer Educational Psychology Assessments to school going children where the primary query is of an educational nature e.g. dyslexia/specific learning difficulties, general learning difficulties or more refined enquires regarding cognitive profile (processing speed, working memory, NVIQ etc). These assessments have been & remain within the remit of the National Educational Psychology Service (NEPS).

The Assessment of Need process does not offer diagnostic assessment for ADD/ADHD. This diagnostic process occurs as part of intervention based approach and is carried out by a Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service. Children who have had language issues, motor issues, sensory processing and learning difficulties (via NEPS) ruled out may be referred to CAMHS for further assessment following (but not as part of Assessment of Need).

The Assessment of Need process is not mandated to comply with Department of Education resource allocation deadlines. All applications and assessments through Assessment of Need are dealt with strictly (and by statutory regulation) in order of date of application. Cases cannot and will not be given priority based on upcoming NCSE deadlines.

It would be of enormous assistance if professionals who initiate an Assessment of Need can provide written information outlining their concerns/detailing evidence of disability to include with Application Form, if possible. Parents should also be provided with a copy of same.

Who can access service:	A child born after 1 st June 2002, where professionals/parents feel that Assessment of Need is appropriate i.e. where there is a valid concern that a child has a disability.
Service Location(s):	Assessments are assigned both to HSE & Privately funded assessors as available throughout Kildare West Wicklow & Dublin locations.
How is Service Accessed:	Completion of an Assessment of Need Referral Form signed & consented by parent(s)/guardian(s).
Referral Form Required:	Yes
How to access Referral Form:	Available on line, from HSE Professionals, directly from Assessment of Need Office, Kildare West Wicklow
Waiting List Timeframe:	Statutory deadline timeframes – 3 months from application date for initial follow up and a further 3 months from application date for completion of assessment and Assessment of Need Report. Applicants may avail of the Assessment of Need process Complaint(s) procedure if the Assessment of Need Report is not completed within the statutory deadline timeframes, assessed through Assessment of Need, Complaints & Appeals, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare. Complaints Form is available online, via Assessment of Need Officer or directly from Complaints & Appeals Office

Model of Service:

Application received, acknowledged with commencement date of Assessment of Need process.

Follow up with parent and professionals involved within initial 3 month timeframe.

File copied to assessors for individual or multi-disciplinary assessments as appropriate.

Reports from assessments returned to Assessment Officer. Assessment of Need Report compiled and passed on to Liaison Officer.

Liaison Officer liaises with parents & services, makes appropriate individual referrals for child as identified in his/her Assessment of Need Report.

Compiles Service Statement detailing services available, not available, referrals made and approximate waiting list timeframes where possible.



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