
How do I make a referral?

A referral to the Early Intervention Team can be made by your child's GP, physiotherapist, speech and language therapist, public health nurse, occupational therapist, social worker or any other health care professional.

Our team's referral form must be complete and signed by the referrer and parent. In the case of twins/siblings individual referral forms are required.

You can obtain a copy of our referral form by telephoning the EIT or on the HSE's website at:

<http://www.hse.ie/dublinsouthpcts/>

What will happen next?

All referrals are discussed at our team's referral meeting which occur twice monthly. Following this meeting yourselves as parents and the referral agent will receive a letter indicating if your child's referral has been accepted.

There can sometimes be a wait for assessment. Usually the first appointment the Team will be in your home and involves meeting on/more of the Team to discuss your child's development to date and to establish your concerns.

Getting further information?

If you would like further information on our service or are not sure whether your child should be referred to the EIT please contact us. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Contact Details:

Early Intervention Team
Health Service Executive
Computer House
66 Patrick Street
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin.
Tel: (01) 214 3905.

This is a voicemail service so when you telephone our Team you will be asked to leave a message and a member of our Team will return your call as soon as possible.

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Dublin South Early Intervention Team – Who are we?

Dublin South Early Intervention Team provides family-centered assessment and supports for young children with emerging developmental concerns. Children under the age of 5 who are living in the Dublin South Local Health Office can be referred to our service. The Dublin South Local Health Office covers the communities of:

- Dun Laoghaire
- Sallynoggin
- Stillorgan
- Foxrock
- Blackrock
- Booterstown
- Monkstown
- Loughlinstown/Ballybrack
- Cabinteely
- Shankill
- Dalkey
- Killiney

Our core Team consists of a:

- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Clinical Psychologist

Our Team is commonly referred to as the EIT.

What services do we provide?

We offer assessment and a wide range of supports and services to the children and families attending our team. These inputs include:

- Multidisciplinary team assessments of the strengths and needs of children and their families
- Individual interventions
- Group interventions
- Referral to Primary Care service as indicated for intervention
- Parent Programmes (e.g. EarlyBird, Hanen ‘More Than Words’ and Hanen ‘Talkability’, Parents Plus)
- ‘Supporting Your Child’ series of talks.

Children are eligible for intervention until their 6th birthday.

Who might benefit from our service?

Children who are exhibiting delays/difficulties in more than one area of development, and where no clear reason for these difficulties has been established, might benefit from accessing the EIT. These children would benefit from support and evaluation from a number of members of the clinical Team. The areas of difficulty which may be evident can include delay/difficulties in:

- Speech and Language
- Motor skills
- Social Interaction
- Learning new tasks

Together with families, the clinical Team aims to clarify the nature of the difficulties being experienced by the child, and to assist in supporting the development of the child through a combination of parent supports and interventions. Depending on the outcome of the evaluation, it may be that a child would be referred to a more appropriate service who can provide support/intervention appropriate to a child’s profile of difficulties.
