



Neuro-orthopaedic Physiotherapy

**An introduction to the
Neuro-orthopaedic Physiotherapy Practitioner Service**

Information for parents and carers

Introduction

The aim of this leaflet is to inform you about our Physiotherapy Practitioner Service. It will tell you about the staff involved and what will happen when your child attends clinic.

What is a Physiotherapy Practitioner?

A Physiotherapy Practitioner is a specialist physiotherapist who is part of the team working directly with the Orthopaedic Consultants. They have expert knowledge and additional skills and training in the management of children with cerebral palsy. They will take on part of the role of the Orthopaedic Consultants in reviewing your child.

What do Physiotherapy Practitioners do?

- They provide ongoing assessment of your child's physical condition and other aspects of their development.
- They provide you and all the health care professionals involved in your child's care with advice and information.
- They can make referrals to other health professionals and will have ongoing discussions with your child's Orthopaedic Consultant.

Why have Physiotherapy Practitioner Clinics been introduced?

- To review children with cerebral palsy who do not need orthopaedic surgery at present.
- To provide families and others involved in your child's care with a named contact/person for advice and information.
- To act as a link between the hospital and local health care services when a child does need orthopaedic surgery or when there are other changes in treatment.
- To provide you and your child with the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns.

Who will refer my child to this clinic?

Your child's Orthopaedic Consultant.

When will my child be referred to this clinic?

Your child will have been seen by an Orthopaedic Consultant. When they feel it is appropriate they will handover the care and regular review of your child to the Physiotherapy Practitioners. This does not mean your child has been discharged by their Orthopaedic Consultant.

What will happen in the Physiotherapy Practitioner Clinic?

You will be asked for an update on your child's physical progress and he or she will have a physical examination to assess any changes. The Practitioner may refer your child back to see the Orthopaedic Consultant if his or her needs change.

Why is it important to attend this clinic?

It is essential that you and your child attend this appointment. This will help us to make sure your child's needs are being met, and you will be able to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

If your child requires any tests, investigations or interventions, these can be arranged before the appointment or on the day.

Further appointments will be made with the Practitioner or Orthopaedic Consultant depending on your child's needs.

Who else will be there?

The Community Physiotherapist treating your child is welcome to attend the appointment, and can contact us if they have any issues or concerns.

For further information

If you have any questions or concerns please telephone the Physiotherapy Practitioners on:

0151 252 5949

or

0151 252 5053.

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This leaflet can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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