

Complex Health or Disability Team (CCHDT)

Case Consultation and Transfer Process

Introduction

The Children's Complex Health or Disabilities Team (CCHDT) provides Social Care support for children and families in need as a result of the child's complex health or disabilities.

The team has a range of responsibilities which begin with carrying out assessments to identify the individual needs of the child, parent/carer and siblings. The assessment includes a carer's assessment. The purpose is to identify the strengths and difficulties for children, parents/carers and siblings and how these can be supported.

Following on from the assessment, the team may then provide support which can range from:

Specialist short breaks, support with behaviour or sleep that is challenging, family and carer support, signposting to other appropriate services such as housing, carers resources, OT Assessments and any other appropriate universal support to help meet the identified needs.

The CCHDT teams have safeguarding responsibilities the same as other social work teams; however, requests for case transfers from locality services require existing child protection concerns to have been addressed prior to transfer.

The criteria for CCHDT is summarised below.

Criteria for CCHDT

Children and their families whose main presenting need for services specifically relates to the child's disability or condition **AND**

The needs cannot be met by Universal/Targeted services alone **AND**

These conditions have a complex or acute impact on the child/young person and/or their families.

This does not include children & young people with:

- Mental health disorders where this is the primary need.
- Social, emotional & behavioural problems not associated to a disability.

A detailed list of the types of disabilities included can be found on Bradford Local Offer.

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Consultation

When a social worker from another team within children's social care is managing a case for a child with a disability they may seek advice or consultation from the Children's complex health or disabilities team (CCHDT). They can email the duty inbox cchdt.duty@bradford.gov.uk or phone the admin line and ask for the duty worker 01274 435751.

Transfer Process or Joint working requests for Complex Health and Disabilities Team

If you are working with a child and you think there is a role for CCHDT, a regular forum has been set up to enable a conversation about the needs of the child and family and a decision about whether CCHDT could become involved.

The process will enable full consideration of the request against the service criteria and will lead to a decision for CCHDT to accept case responsibility or consider whether a different form of support is more appropriate (e.g. co-working, support with an assessment, advice re services). Where no service is to be provided, a clear rationale will be given.

Case transfer usually takes place when the main issues for the child, parent/carer and siblings requires a service from CCHDT due to the impact of the disability and/or complex health. In these cases, and child protection concerns should have been addressed.

A regular meeting has now been set up to enable discussions with representatives from CCHDT. It is an expectation that Team Manager's will be present at each of these meetings alongside any social workers to discuss the requests and provide advice where required and/or agree transfer.

The meetings will take place from 10am on the second Friday morning of each month and can either be held face to face or over via Microsoft Teams.

To book a discussion please email cchdt.admin@bradford.gov.uk with the name of the child, LCS number, social worker name and team manager name. You will be allocated a time slot to attend.

In order to ensure that the discussions are purposeful please consider the following questions which will form the discussions:

- What are the main presenting needs?
- What has been tried so far?
- Which other agencies are involved?
- When was the last assessment completed?