



# All About: **REFERRALS**

(SENDEYs, CITES, Community Paediatrician)

Information for Parents and  
Carers



## **Community Paediatrics / EYMIG**

Community Paediatrics is run by the Child development clinic and they help to identify and diagnose a range of disorders in children including sleep disorders, autism and Emotional dysregulation. They work with a range of professionals like clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, nurses and paediatricians.

### **The referral process**

Your child's keyworker will fill out and Early Years Multi-Disciplinary Information Gathering form (EYMIG). This will allow a full breakdown of your child's development and the current concerns of staff.

You will then be contacted so you can share your own views and concerns regarding your child's development. There is a very long wait time to be seen and evaluated by the Paediatrician so the sooner you refer the better.

### **Potential Alternative:**

If you believe your child to have ASD or ADHD you can speak to your GP about a right to choose referral. These take a much shorter time frame to be processed.

## **CITES – Children's Integrated Therapy Equipment Services**

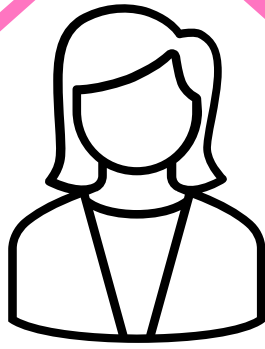
CITES is run by East Sussex County council and the NHS, offering a range of support, guidance and interventions to children from birth to 19years old. They work closely with parents, nurseries and all the agencies that may be involved in your child's care (such as ISEND). They employ occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists as well as the administrative staff!

### **The referral process**

You and your child's keyworker will each fill out a referral form to convey both what needs the child has at home and at nursery. The SENCO will combine the forms and send it off.

If accepted, you child be assessed in clinic and other environments (such as home or nursery) if needed. They have a range of care pathways to best cater to each child's individual needs and reassessments are possible. Your child may be offered sessions with a professional (such as speech and language) but the number of sessions can vary depending on diagnosis.





## **SENDEYs – SEND Early Years Service**

SENDEYs is a government agency that offers support and advice to Early Years Settings. A referral to SENDEYs can be made for any number of reasons like communication, sensory issues, emotional dysregulation, concerning behaviour, social development etc...

### **The referral process**

Before a referral can be made a child must be on a Setting Based Support Plan (SBSP) for at least one entire cycle (for us that will last one term). When making the referral your child's keyworker and the SENCO will fill out a referral form to outline their concerns. As part of this you can opt for home visits, wherein a SENDEYs advisor will be able to observe your child at home like they do at Nursery (provided the referral is accepted) and offer guidance and support.

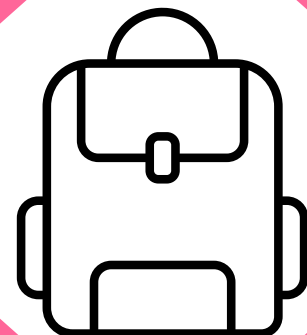
If a referral is rejected, they will return it and offer advice, we then can re-refer and offer additional information if we feel it is necessary.

## **If Your Referral is Accepted**

If accepted SEND will assign your child a specific advisor, this will be the person who will work alongside your child until they go to school. They will come out to the nursery around every three months to observe your child and speak to staff about your child's development. The advisor will go over advice and next steps with the staff, formulating a plan similar to the SBSP. To ensure continuity, we like to move children from the Birth to Five tracker Early Years Development Journal as this is the tracker that SENDEYs uses when they track development.

In some cases, we can apply for funding from SEND - the amount of which will depend on the number of hours your child does. This funding can be spent on resources, training or very often a support worker - support workers are not 1-1s instead they are there to lower the adult to child ratio of the group. SEND offers funding until the last two months before a child goes off to school unless they have an EHCP.

Before your child goes to school SEND will also arrange a transition meeting to with their primary school teachers and SENCO so they can be sure to have the right support in place!





## Helpful Contacts

Our SENCO: [mia@amberleynursery.co.uk](mailto:mia@amberleynursery.co.uk)

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CITES: [kentcft.citesonepoint@nhs.net](mailto:kentcft.citesonepoint@nhs.net)

ISEND: [education.frontdoor@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:education.frontdoor@eastsussex.gov.uk)

# Helpful Additional Information

## Helpful Links

Community Paediatricians

<https://www.kentcft.nhs.uk/service/community-paediatrics/>

CITES:

<https://www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk/>

ISEND

<https://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk/send-information-and-services/education-east-sussex/education-east-sussex-send->