

## **Children's Community Physiotherapy Referral Form**

Our service is for children in the Shropshire and Telford area, and we aim to:

- enable children and young people to reach their full potential
- maximise function and independence
- promote normal movement
- improve quality of life

Assessment completed?

A decision to accept this referral will be made according to the nature of the impact on the child in managing activities of daily life. Referrals are accepted from health professionals. The age limit for MSK conditions is up to 16 years old, other conditions may be accepted up to 19 years if in full time education.

## Part 1

If the answer is no, this referral cal which we are unable to accept		Yes □ No □ as it is then classed	d as a self-referral by parents
Part 2			
Child or young person being referr	ed		
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Surname:		First Name(s):	
Date of Birth:	NHS Number:		Male □ Female □ Other □
Resident address			
and postcode:			
GP Surgery			
and address:			
Nursery/School:			
		Is an interpreter required? Yes $\square$ No $\square$	
First Language:		If yes, which language?	
Details of parent/carer(s)			
Nama(s):		Relationship to c	hild
Name(s):  Parent/carer(s) address		Relationship to c	illid.
(if different to child):			
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Tel No:		Mobile no:	
Email address:		T	
Name of Parent/carer(s) with parental			
responsibility:			
OTHER Parent/carer name and address (if different from child):			
address (ii different from child).			
Tel No:		Mobile no:	
Email address:			



a. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (General Data Protection Regulation Regulation (General Data Protection Regulation Re	
I my child, identified above, can be referred to t have been made aware of the Shropshire Commi	
b. I (parents/carers) agree to receiving corresponde	nce / documents by email.
Preferred email address:	
Parents/Carers signature	Date
Referrer details	
Name:	Designation:
Dept/Organisation:	Email:
Tel no: Address:	Mobile no:
Address.	
Signed (electronic is acceptable):	Date:
Safeguarding	
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How is this issue affecting their everyday activities e.g. school attendance, leisure activities?
What are your expectations following Physiotherapy treatment?
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Past medical history – please include any diagnosis, investigations, and learning, behavioural, and
communication issues which may inform our assessment.
Restrictions to Physiotherapy management e.g. weightbearing status—include any precautions and
contraindications if applicable
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What interventions have been tried already? – include any advice, activities, and leaflets given
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Part 4
Assessment form attached?
Please attach any further information you feel will support this referral e.g. clinic letter/assessment form
Yes □ N/A □

Part 5 – Guidelines for some common conditions (further information on our website)

Condition	Comments	Tick if applicable
Moulding deformities		
Head turning	Please refer ASAP	
preference or head	Please also provide parent with this leaflet:	
tilt / torticollis or	APCP Head Turning and Plagiocephaly	
plagiocephaly		
Positional talipes	Refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics if there has been no	
	improvement by the age of 3 months or if you cannot	



	change the position with your hands (i.e. the foot position is fixed).	
Premature birth	, may,	
Born at any gestation	Refer if any abnormal movements patterns or a grade 2 or 3 bleed has been noted on a head scan.  Refer if not following developmental guidelines as below for corrected age.  Please give parents this leaflet: APCP Awake Time Ideas	
Gait anomalies		
In-toeing	No referral required. It is a normal variant, and at its most severe between 4 to 7 years of age. It usually resolves spontaneously.  *Refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics* if the child is over 8 years*	
	old and has pain, significant tripping over or significant deformity causing psychological distress.  Please give parents this leaflet APCP Intoeing Gait	
Out-toeing	In early infancy out-toeing is normal and usually resolves by 18 to 24 months of age.  *Refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics* if significant asymmetry, pain, limp, breech delivery, family history of DDH,  *Refer for urgent x-ray* to rule out SCFE in 8- to 18-year-olds if	
	<b>new onset</b> of out-toeing, knee, groin or thigh pain, internal hip rotation limited or painful, limping, asymmetry.	
Toe walking	Refer if walking was initially normal, unable to put heels on ground, asymmetry, delayed milestones, difficulty getting up from the floor, or unable to walk up stairs reciprocally over aged 4 years  Please also provide parents with this leaflet APCP Choosing  Footwear for Children – hard backed boots are best to discourage toe walking	
Flat feet	If under 6 years only refer only if there is pain, limp, or tightness of achilles tendon.  **Refer to Paediatric Orthopaedics** if the foot is stiff and cannot be corrected by hand or if the arch of foot is not corrected on tiptoe in over 5's.  Over 6 years old refer to *Podiatry** Children's Gait Clinic if insole assessment is wanted.  Exercises do not help arch formation.  **APCP Flat feet**  APCP Choosing Footwear for Children**	
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<b>Developmental delay</b>	(ensure corrected for gestational age)	
0 – 6 months	Refer if persistent head lag, not lifting head in prone, or not	
	bringing head and hands to midline at 4 months.	
	Refer if shows a hand preference before 18 months.	
6 – 12 months	Refer if not rolling or sitting independently at 9 months –	
	please give parents these two leaflets: APCP Lying to Sitting	
	APCP Babywalkers	
	Refer if shows a hand preference before 18 months.	
12 – 18 months	Refer if not independently getting into and out of a sitting	
	position by 12 months.	



	Refer if not pulling to stand or not crawling <i>or</i> bottom	
	shuffling at 12 months.	
	Refer if crawling but not walking at 18 months.	
	Refer if shows a hand preference before 18 months.	
18 months - 2 years	Refer bottom shufflers if not walking at 24 months. Before	
	24 months please give parents this leaflet: APCP Bottom	
	Shuffling.	
	Refer if walking with asymmetrical gait or limp.	
2 years plus	Refer if not walking up or down stairs (can hold on) or not	
	running or not squatting by 26 months.	
	Refer if not jumping by 30 months.	

Other conditions		
Hypermobility	Refer only if significant pain or impact on function.	
	Please also provide parents with this leaflet:	
	APCP Symptomatic Hypermobility	
	APCP Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder	
Chronic pain, Chronic	Please note we are <b>unable</b> to accept referrals for these	
fatigue	conditions. Please consider referral to a specialist MDT.	

Please complete all sections of the referral form, incomplete referrals may not be accepted.

Please email the completed referral to: <a href="mailto:shropcom.childtherapyreferrals@nhs.net">shropcom.childtherapyreferrals@nhs.net</a>

If you would like to discuss a potential referral or have any questions, please call us on 01952 567300 or 01743 450800.

## Collecting information about your ethnic group

In order to help the NHS understand the needs of patients and service users from different groups and to comply with the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, we need to collect information about your child's ethnic group. This information will be treated confidentially and will not be shared with any other organisation.

Everyone belongs to an ethnic group. By collecting this information, the NHS will be able to identify those groups more at risk of specific diseases and their care needs and so provide better, and more appropriate services for you and your family.

The attached list of 16 ethnic groups are the standard categories. Using these codes will help us to compare information about the groups using our services and assist us in providing for our local population.

It is important that where possible your child is able to <u>describe their own ethnic group</u>. If this is not possible, then parents/carers should enter this information on behalf of their child.

Thank you for taking the time to provide this useful information.

Ethnicity: (please tick below)		
☐ White - British	☐ Asian or Asian British - Indian	
☐ White - Irish	☐ Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	
☐ White - Any other white background	☐ Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	
☐ Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	☐ Asian or Asian British – Any other Asian background	
☐ Mixed – White and Black African	☐ Black or Black British - Caribbean	
☐ Mixed – White and Asian	☐ Black or Black British - African	
☐ Mixed – Any other mixed background	☐ Black or Black British – Any other Black background	
☐ Other ethnic groups - Chinese	☐ Patient declined to state	



☐ Any other ethnic group	□ Not known

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