

THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
Freedom of Information request 014162

What is the total number of children and young people diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy by your Trust/Health Board in the last five years? (N.B.: this should be recorded as a total figure rather than figures for each year individually.)

The Trust does not routinely electronically record diagnoses against assessment clinics. Any diagnosis made by clinicians is held within individual patient records. Support services are provided by Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust.

What is the care pathway for children and young people with cerebral palsy in your Trust/Health Board? Please provide a copy of this if possible.

The Trust does not have a written pathway for children and young people with cerebral palsy. We are reviewing recent NICE publications and plan to set up joint MDT clinics along with specialist annual reviews.

Is there a specific timescale set out in your care pathway for referral to a child development service for diagnosis of cerebral palsy from the point when symptoms are initially identified? If so, please provide this data.

The Trust does not have a pathway.

**What is the total number of:
Health visitors employed by your Trust/Health Board?
Specialist health visitors for children with special needs employed by your Trust/Health Board?**

Health visitors are not employed by Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

What training is given to healthcare professionals, including health visitors and GPs, to recognise the risk factors and possible symptoms for Cerebral Palsy?

The Trust does not provide a training programme, to recognise the risk factors and possible symptoms for cerebral palsy, for health visitors or GP. Paediatric trainees and GPVTS trainees are encouraged to attend clinics that provide learning opportunities.

**What is the total number of specialist staff employed by your Trust/Health Board, who are trained to work with children and young people with Cerebral Palsy, from the following disciplines:
Paediatric speech and language therapy
Paediatric physiotherapy
Paediatric occupational therapy**

Allied professionals are employed by Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (BCPFT)
Three consultants take part in providing care for children with Neurodisability.

How many children and young people with Cerebral Palsy are currently on a waiting list to access any of the above services within your Trust/Health Board?

The Trust does not currently hold this information centrally in an electronic system.