

**Barnet Children’s Integrated Therapies
 Update for Special Schools and Additionally Resourced Provisions (ARP)**

Dear Head teacher and SENCo

As we approach the last half term of this most unusual ending to the academic year, we would like to update you on how the NELFT CIT service will be providing support to your school and the children attending your setting.

NELFT, Barnet CCG and the London Borough of Barnet continue to work hard to ensure that the children who are most at risk and vulnerable continue to receive support from the NELFT’s Barnet Children’s Integrated Therapy (CIT) Team. Barnet CIT will continue to prioritise the high need interventions for children with and without EHCPs requiring urgent care and including:

- Swallowing and feeding difficulties requiring urgent assessment or review,
- Children discharged for Post-surgical interventions (Physiotherapy or Occupational therapy)
- Children who have had recent Botox interventions
- Hospital discharge requiring Equipment for health needs (Physio / OT)
- Acute Neurological patients- at risk of hospital admission

As a service we have a number of therapists who are shielding, ill or who have been redeployed which has an impact on the service capacity. While we are continuously monitoring our staffing capacity and adhering to the national guidelines, we recognise that it has been challenging for children and schools not to have their regular contact with their therapists.

We are now extending our service to offer support and advice via phone or video to special schools, ARPs and Parents with urgent queries regarding therapy input/programmes.

From the 8th of June there will be dedicated support available on the following days to support children and families attending special schools and ARPs:

Schools	Morning support to school and afternoon support for children who are not accessing school	Therapist contact details
Oakleigh / Acorn	Wednesday Monday Monday Wednesday / Thursday (days to be confirmed by school following SLT meeting)	Deborah.Ezekiel@nelft.nhs.uk Sophie.Johnston@nelft.nhs.uk Hannah.campbell-schatke@nelft.nhs.uk Barbara.logothetis@nelft.nhs.uk
Northway	Friday	Anita.William@nelft.nhs.uk Natalie.williamson@nelft.nhs.uk
Mapledown	Tuesday	Tara.mcweeney@nelft.nhs.uk Elaine.murphy@nelft.nhs.uk

Oak Lodge	Thursday	Tara.Mcweeney@nelft.nhs.uk Natalie.williamson@nelft.nhs.uk Anita.William@nelft.nhs.uk
	Friday	Hannah.campbel-schatke@nelft.nhs.uk
Broadfields ARP	Therapist to agree with school to be agreed in meeting on 10 June 2020	Chloe.laitman@nelft.nhs.uk
Childs Hill ARP	Thursday	Sarah.mcclure@nelft.nhs.uk
Chalgrove ARP	School to contact if support is required	Lisa.kalmek@nelft.nhs.uk
Coppetts Wood ARP	Therapist to agree date with school	Camilla.Priest-Stephens@nelft.nhs.uk
Livingstone ARP	Tuesday	Lisa.kalmek@nelft.nhs.uk
Summerside PDC	Wednesday	El Assif-Eshun e.assif-eshun@nhs.net
Hendon HARP	School to contact if support is required	Lisa.kalmek@nelft.nhs.uk
Hendon PDS	School to contact if support is required	e.assif-eshun@nhs.net
Whitefields	Therapist to agree date with school	Camilla.Priest-Stephens@nelft.nhs.uk
Orion	Wednesday	Lisa.kalmek@nelft.nhs.uk
Claremont	Therapist to agree date with school	Camilla.Priest-Stephens@nelft.nhs.uk
Colindale Provision for physical disabilities	School contacted and will agree date with therapist.	Judy.marton@nelft.nhs.uk

- A discussion will take place with the school to take account of staffing in the school and what can be delivered in the school at this time as schools re-open/increase the numbers of pupils attending. Most of the support will continue to be offered virtually, at this time. We will review this on a regular basis.
- As per the published changes in the legislation for EHCPs, we will use 'reasonable endeavours' to deliver the service. These came into effect on 1st May and will continue until 25th September 2020. This may result in a child or young person's provision being adjusted to that which is set out in their EHC plan, for some, or all, of the time.
- Face to face contacts will be possible where this is urgently required and a Tele-review will not adequately support the need.
- For concerns around dysphagia please contact nem-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net or 0300 300 1821 and a dysphagia specialist will contact you.
- Annual Review advice – in line with government guidance, the service will be prioritising completing a full AR where provision will be changing e.g. due to transition, etc. For others we will be sending an update, indicating what input there has been from our service and that therapy will continue as per the EHCP/last AR report.

Please contact the service on nem-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net or 0300 300 1821 if you have any queries.