

# the **early years** toolkit

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## Introduction to the Early Years Toolkit

**We have designed this Early Years Toolkit to support families, carers and professionals who are concerned about a child's development, providing them with a greater understanding of children's development and suggestions on how this can be promoted.**



**The Toolkit contains information on the following:**

- How to help promote children's development in the areas that fall within the expertise of Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- How to identify common and acceptable variations in young children's development
- How to decide which children may need additional support to promote their development
- Practical Advice Sheets that you can use
- How and when to refer a child to CYPIT for further assessment

Many children will show difficulties at some point in their development but most will progress given the right environment and simple strategies used by those around them. Early identification of children needing extra support is vital but this does not always mean early referral. The advice in this toolkit will enable you to support a child's early development and help you to understand when you may need to ask for additional advice or support.