

Specialist nursing

Referral criteria



Our **specialist nursing team** helps children and young people up to the age of 19 who have a learning disability, are registered with a Berkshire GP or attend a special school in Berkshire.

We work with children and young people via four main service areas.

Children's Community Nursing (Berkshire East) – where we work with children and young people with complex health needs and a learning difficulty.

Manor Green Respite – where we work with children and young people with complex health needs and a learning difficulty who are also known to the community nursing team.

Ryeish Green Respite – where we work with children and young people with complex health needs and who meet the Continuing Health Criteria (CHC) following formal CHC assessment.

Specialist School Nursing Service (Berkshire West) – where we work with any child or young person with a nursing need who attends a special school.

How to access our services

As specialist nursing services differ in east and west Berkshire, please see different referral details below.

Children's Community Nursing – Berkshire East

We accept referrals from health services, education professionals and social care workers, parents and carers, and young people themselves.

If the referral is accepted, we'll contact you within 48 hours if your child has an immediate need, or within five working days if your child's needs are routine.

If the referral is not accepted, we'll inform you straight away.

Manor Green Respite

Referrals for this service come from the children's community nursing team only.

Once a referral is accepted, we'll contact you within seven working days to arrange a home visit for a respite assessment.

Ryeish Green Respite

Referrals for this service come from community paediatricians and the children's community nursing team.

Once a referral has been received, we'll carry out an assessment within 10 working

days. Following the assessment, the child's case will be presented to a panel who will decide whether their health needs meet the Continuing Health Criteria (CHC).

If the child's needs meet the criteria, a care package will be put into place and they may be referred to the team at Ryeish Green Bungalow.

Specialist School Nursing – Berkshire West

Community nurses and school staff will identify whether a child needs support and, if so, refer them on to Specialist School Nursing.

Once a referral has been received, you'll receive a response within five working days, or within 48 hours if urgent.

