

Physical Disabilities/Complex Medical Needs (PD)

The PD team provides educational support and advice for Barnet Children and Young People (0-25) who have a Physical Disability/Complex Medical need. Support is available for the student, their family and educational staff. We work in line with recommendations from the SEN Code of Practice (2015), the SEN Disability Act (2005) and other current legislation.

Referral criteria

- We operate an open referral policy.
- The child must have a physical need/ diagnosis or complex medical needs which impacts on their development and learning.
- Medical and other relevant information should be provided, clearly indicating the child's current level of functioning and their difficulties
- Parents must have given permission for the referral to be made
- The child or young person must be resident in Barnet

Once a referral is accepted:

- The referrer and/or parents will be contacted within two weeks
- A member of the PD team will be allocated to carry out an initial assessment within four weeks of the initial contact
- A report/ action plan will be sent to the referrer and/ or parents within four weeks of the assessment, with a clear indication of the future level of support to be provided by the PD team

Levels of support offered to individual children and young people will be guided by:

- Complexity of need
- Level of mobility skills
- Specialist equipment needed/used
- The physical learning environment and any adaptations required
- Transition year
- Level of expertise/experience within the educational setting
- Level of staff development and training needed
- Statutory Assessment
- Level of support & liaison needed by the family/other professionals