

## 1. Before birth



- Pregnant mothers are all offered antenatal screening (**hospital**)
- High risk counselling is available when requested by a neonatologist or specialist nurse (**hospital**)

## 3. Birth to three years

- Home visits take place for families who may have specific difficulties attending appointments (**ODSS**)
- Medical and development checks take place every 6 to 12 months (**ODSS**)
- Ear, nose and throat clinics take place three times a year. Children with Down syndrome are referred as necessary (**ODSS**)
- Ongoing support from Down Syndrome Oxford (**DSO**)
- Support services will see the child in the most appropriate place, for example at home or other setting
- Support from early years special educational needs inclusion teachers (**EYSENIT**)
- Children requiring specific help with sitting, gross motor skills, eating, communication and early dressing skills can be referred to an occupational therapist (OT), physiotherapist (physio) or speech and language therapist (SLT) as required. The therapies work together as an integrated service (**OT, physio, SLT**)
- Advice on housing and any necessary adaptations is available on referral to OT (**OT**)



## 2. At birth



- A diagnosis is made by hospital staff, who have initial discussions with parents (**hospital**)
- Possible medical problems are assessed and other professionals might become involved, including surgeons, cardiologists and dietitians (**hospital**)
- A referral to Oxford Down Syndrome Service (ODSS) is made (**hospital**)

- The nurse specialist makes one newborn visit and then only as required after (**ODSS**)
- A new baby support group runs monthly at the children's hospital - all new families are invited (**ODSS**)
- Information is shared with family, including about Disability Living Allowance, statements, access to services and ODSS (**ODSS**)
- A 6-week medical and developmental assessment takes place (**ODSS**)
- A referral is made to the Single Point of Request for Involvement (SPORFI) to access Oxfordshire's specialist community support services (**ODSS**)
- Parent-run group Down Syndrome Oxford offers support through training workshops for parents, early development groups, plus days out and parties (**DSO**)

## 4. Three to five years

- Access to all appropriate departments and consultancy as appropriate to the child's specific needs (**hospital**)
- The nurse specialist attends clinic appointments with the paediatrician for children with Down syndrome if required due to the needs of the child (**ODSS**)
- Yearly review with local community paediatrician from 36 months onwards (**CCP**)
- Ongoing support from Down Syndrome Oxford (**DSO**)
- Support in school to access the curriculum, develop learning and social skills from a Down syndrome / complex needs special educational needs support service (DC/CN SENSS) teacher (**DS/CN SENSS**)
- Support is offered at home and setting through advice and strategies to support the child's development and at times of increased needs, such as transition to school. Also training, for example signing (**SLT, OT, physio and EYSENIT**)
- If the child attends a special school, a SLT, a physio and an OT can provide training for staff and parents (**SLT, physio and OT**)
- If the child attends an early years setting or a mainstream school, a physiotherapist can provide training to staff and give input if a need is identified to help the child achieve gross motor milestones and provide physio rehab, following any operations (**physio**)



## 5. Five to eleven years



- Access to all appropriate departments and consultancy (**hospital**)
- Community consultant paediatrician (CCP) conducts yearly review (**CCP**)
- Ongoing support from Down Syndrome Oxford (**DSO**)

- Support in school to access the curriculum and support at reviews and transitions (**DS/CN SENSS**)
- Support with transition into school until Year 1 (**SLT and EYSENIT**)
- If child attends a mainstream or special school advice is available from a SLT, or a referral can be made depending on need. Where appropriate, support offered may include group or one-to-one input (**SLT**)
- Children attending mainstream or special school can be seen by a physiotherapist if there are concerns regarding gross motor skills or access to PE curriculum (**physio**)
- If child attends a mainstream or a special school, a range of OT support is available - depending on need - including groups and one-to-one input (**OT**)

## 6. Secondary school age (11 - 18 years)

- Ongoing support from Down Syndrome Oxford (**DSO**)
- Support in school to access the curriculum and support regarding learning and social skills (**DS/CN SENSS**)
- If the child attends a mainstream or special school, a SLT, a physio and an OT can provide training for staff and parents and input to support the young person if a specific need is identified (**SLT, physio and OT**)



For further information on 'the local offer' please visit Oxfordshire County Council's website:  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer)



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**KEY:** **ODSS:** Oxford Down Syndrome Service; **DSO:** Down Syndrome Oxford; **EYSENIT:** Early years special educational needs inclusion teacher; **DS/CN SENSS:** Down syndrome / complex needs special educational needs support service; **SLT:** Speech and language therapist; **OT:** Occupational therapist; **physio:** Physiotherapist; **CCP:** Consultant community paediatrician