



Child Development Service

The Child Development Service (CDS) is a community service for children/young people (newborn-16 years) with torticollis, delayed development and/or a disability, throughout the CDHB region.

Appointments are provided in the community (home, preschool, school) or on site.

The multidisciplinary team is currently based at two sites and includes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment Team (ASDAT):

At Montreal House (440 Montreal Street):

- Clinical Manager
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Social Worker
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coordinator
- Psychologist
- Therapy Assistant
- Administrative staff

At Christchurch Hospital:

- Child Development Coordinator
- Administrative staff

The ASDAT team (Paediatrician, Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, ASD coordinator) carry out comprehensive assessments to consider a diagnosis of ASD. The ASD coordinator offers support plans to families following a new diagnosis of ASD.

The Child Development Coordinator works closely with the developmental paediatricians, gathering information from families that are new referrals to them.

The Therapy Team (Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, Therapy Assistant) provides assessment, goal setting, intervention and support for children and their family/whanau with the aim to:

- develop the child's full potential
- improve the child's function and independence
- support opportunities for the child to participate in their own community

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