

Contact details

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Occupational Therapy
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Buses for Seaside View:
2, 22, 37B



Translation? Tick this box and take to any council office.

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Traduction? Veuillez cocher la case et apporter au council.	French	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Useful links

Disabled Facilities Grant

www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople

Living Made Easy

www.livingmadeeasy.org.uk

Comments & complaints

We welcome comments and complaints as they help us to provide a better service.

We also like to hear from you if you have had a particularly good service.

Please contact our freephone number on **0500 291229** to leave your comment or complaint.

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Children's Occupational Therapy - Social Care



**Children's Social Care
Occupational Therapy is part of
the Integrated Child Development
and Disability Service.**

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational Therapy (OT) helps people participate as independently as possible in the activities which promote their health and wellbeing.

The aim of Social Care OT with children is to enhance their abilities and independence at home and in school and to support the parent/carer in managing the child's daily activities. We also have a Health OT service based at Seaside View who mainly work at Seaside View and in schools.

Social Care OT focuses on improving independence and safety in the home and school environments through equipment and adaptations. Health OT uses play and activities to help children develop skills needed for everyday life.

This leaflet is about Social Care Occupational Therapy.

Who do we see?

- Children aged between 0-18.
- Children living in Brighton & Hove.
- Children with permanent and substantial physical or learning disabilities.

How can we help your child?

Following an assessment of need and discussion with other professionals working with your child, we may recommend/ provide the following:

- **Advice and information** eg managing your child's disability in the home which may include advice about layout of furniture to give better access, or providing information on charities or support groups.
- **Equipment to assist daily activities** eg specialist beds, toilet frames, shower/ toilet seats, changing benches.
- **Moving and handling assessment and advice** including provision of hoists/ slings and a moving and handling plan addressing the specific needs of the child.
- **Minor adaptations** eg grab rails, door widening, ramps and safety measures.
- **Major adaptations** eg stair lifts, through floor lifts, level access showers, altering existing rooms or providing new rooms such as a wheelchair accessible bedroom. Support to access funding via the Disabled Facilities Grant or support with rehousing if your home is not suitable.

How to refer your child

You can contact Seaside View directly (see contact details on next page) or discuss any issues with a professional already working with you – they can contact us on your behalf. On receipt, referrals are reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria for the service. They are then prioritised for allocation to an OT according to risk and urgency.

Information about you

All the occupational therapists work as part of Children and Families Services. The information you give is kept confidential to the service and may be shared between team members and other staff to help plan the best care for your child. All information we share is on a "need to know" basis and everyone will act professionally with the information you give us. We will use some of the information for monitoring purposes to make sure we are offering the right service to meet local needs. In special circumstances we may need to share information with other professionals, for example, to keep a child safe and protected from harm.