

What to do if you are concerned about your child's health or development

Children and young people develop at different rates. Healthy development means that children and young people of all abilities, including those with special health care needs and disabilities, can grow, thrive and reach their full potential.

If you are worried about your child's health or development speak to your health visitor, school nurse, GP or your child's school or nursery staff.

They can talk to you about your worries, reassure you and may be able to offer support. They can also refer you to specialists or targeted support in the community, in family hubs or to the hospital.



For local information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), scan the QR code



Local support services – scan the QR codes

Support services for a wide range of needs – development, communication, behaviour and emotional needs

Many of these services can be accessed directly, which means you can contact them yourself without needing to see a health professional first. If your child has been referred to a specialist, these services may be able to advise and support you and your child while you are waiting for your appointment.



Neurodiversity

Most of the local support providers listed on this webpage can support children and families before and after a child or young person's diagnosis so you don't need to wait to seek support.



Preparing for Adulthood

Planning for the future can take longer and may require a little more preparation for young people with SEND. This link has more information.



Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin SEND supports the health system to meet its responsibilities and provides advice and expertise to local authorities on health services for children and young people with SEND.

For more information:

