

Physical Disability

Professional Guidance

Physical and Sensory Support (PSS) accepts referrals for children and students aged 0 – 25 years. Beyond 25 years referrals may be made for education courses in an educational setting.

The acceptance of a referral to the PSS Physical Disability team is based on the following criteria:

- Children / students have a long-term physical disability or medical condition which has a significant impact on their access to the curriculum.

Children / students with a long term medical condition

Some children / students with a long term medical condition may be referred if their condition significantly affects their ability to physically access the curriculum or environment, e.g. their mobility around school, participation in PE.

Children / students with significant co-ordination difficulties

Children / students with significant co-ordination difficulties (fine and gross motor) may be referred provided that:

- There is evidence of school intervention and support over time.
- Advice has been sought or referrals made to health professionals, as appropriate, and the pupil is not currently having therapy.

When DSA (disabled student's allowance) or college disability teams have agreed support needs.

The level of support required is identified on an individual basis by using Eligibility Criteria prior to post 16 transition, when support levels are agreed individually.

The Eligibility Criteria are recognised nationally and apply to children and students in a variety of educational settings.

Reasons for ceasing involvement

- The child or student's physical needs are stable and previous advice given by the Advisory Teacher for Physical Disability (ATPD) remains relevant.
- It has been agreed that ongoing intervention is no longer required.
- The child or student's physical needs have changed so that they no longer have a significant impact on their access to the curriculum.
- The child or student leaves school, college or university.

Re-referral should it become appropriate can take place at any time.