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About the professionals who may be involved in the assessment of your child

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Educational Psychologist

An Educational Psychologist is concerned with supporting children and young people who are experiencing difficulties with their learning. This might include learning difficulties and / or social and emotional problems.

Educational Psychologists may work with your child, their teachers and you. Much of their work will be in educational settings such as school or nursery.

An Educational Psychologist will spend time speaking with and observing your child. They will also speak to you and others who know your child best. The Educational Psychologist will focus on helping to reduce barriers preventing your child from learning.

Contact details: 01204 338060

Outreach Teacher (Special Educational Needs/Learning Difficulties and Disabilities)

Advisory teachers have skills, knowledge and experience in working with children with additional needs, including communication and interaction. They may also have additional qualifications.

In Bolton, Advisory Teachers work across a number of schools. Part of their work is with children who are experiencing difficulties in nursery or school settings. They assess and identify a child's strengths and needs and then recommend practical strategies that can be used by staff in the school / setting.

Advisory Teachers work alongside colleagues from other agencies.

Contact details: 01204 333297

Specialist Audiologist

Audiologists are healthcare professionals who assess, diagnose and treat children with hearing, balance and tinnitus problems. If a child is experiencing difficulties with their social and communication skills it is important to rule out hearing impairment in the first instance.

Your child may be referred to a specialist audiologist for a hearing test as the first part of the assessment process. Audiologists will usually see children in the hospital or clinic setting.

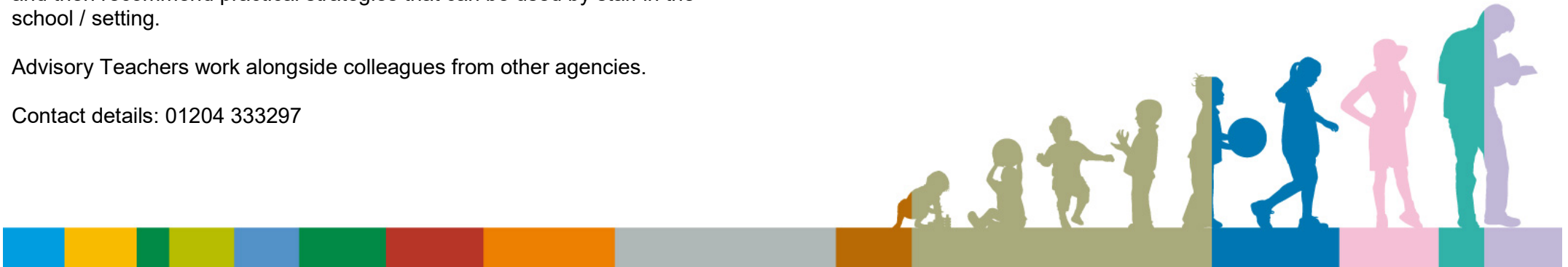
Contact details: 01204 463500

Speech and Language Therapist

Speech and Language Therapists are professionals who specialise in speech, language and communication difficulties. They offer assessment in order to identify the child or young person's communication profile and then agree intervention packages according to each individual's need.

Speech and Language Therapists will work with a child or young person in whichever location will give the most benefit. As such, appointments may be offered at home, in Children's Centres, in clinic, at nursery or school and in hospital. However, whatever the choice of location, it is important that the therapist liaises and works collaboratively with the family and all the other agencies involved in order to achieve the best outcome.

Contact details: 01204 462670



Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists

Child and adolescent psychiatrists are medically qualified doctors who specialise in understanding and working with children and young people who have emotional, behavioural and anxiety related difficulties.

Most of the work that they do with children and young people and their families is done through out-patient appointments. A large part of child and adolescent work is to identify the problem, understand the causes and advise about what may help.

Child and adolescent psychiatrists work as part of a multidisciplinary service that includes other professionals such as child psychologists, children's psychiatric nurses and case managers. This is known as CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

Contact Details: 01204 390659

Community Nurses for Learning Disabilities (including Portage workers)

Community Nurses provide a home teaching service for pre-school children with special educational needs, which may include physical and/or learning difficulties. They also provide help and support for the children's parents, and can help them learn how to teach their children skills through a carefully structured and flexible programme.

Community Nurses work in partnership with parents and their child. They also support your child at home and liaise with nursery/school.

Community Nurses help assess children with special needs in areas such as infant development, social skills, thinking skills, self help skills and language development and behavioural management

Community Nurses work closely with other colleagues in health and social care.

Contact details: 01204 463500 (pre-school)
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Clinical Psychologist

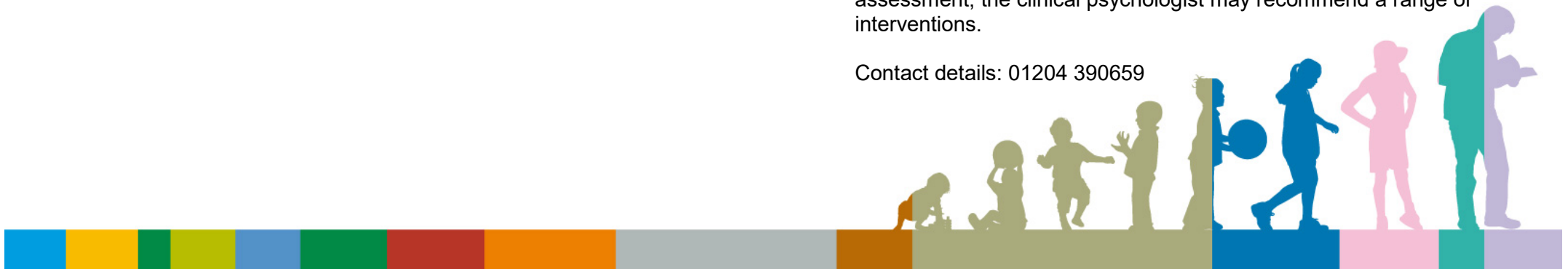
Clinical psychologists aim to reduce psychological distress and promote well being. They work in health and social care settings, and usually specialise in work with either adults or children.

Clinical psychologist will work with people who have social and communication difficulties such as learning disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions, and those with mental health problems such as anxiety or depression.

Clinical psychologists will work with the young person and their family in a clinic setting or the home environment. When carrying out assessments they typically spend time observing the young person interacting with others.

Part of the assessment process may also include interviews with the family and others who know the child well. Following assessment, the clinical psychologist may recommend a range of interventions.

Contact details: 01204 390659



Social Worker

Social workers may work with families and children who are experiencing disabilities, long term illness or other difficulties. They may offer a range of support including advice about welfare benefits, practical help in the home and short breaks.

A social worker will usually visit the family in their own home. They will work in partnership with colleagues in health and education and will direct families to other local services than can offer support.

Contact details:

- **West Team** Westhoughton 01942 634625 or 01942634587.
- **North East Team** Watersmeeting Road 01204 337400
- **South East Team** Farnworth 01204 337729 / 01204 337730

Occupational Therapist

Occupational Therapists are trained to assist people to manage everyday tasks that they may be having difficulties with, either because of a disability or illness or injury. Occupational Therapists aim to help people to cope more independently with the challenges they face.

The kind of work Occupational Therapists may get involved with includes helping a child who is having difficulties with their co-ordination or motor skills to do things like hold a pen or pencil, tie their shoe laces and hold their knife and fork correctly.

Occupational Therapists will also assist children who have motor difficulties including things like poor muscle tone and lack of co-ordination. Some Occupational Therapists may be able to give advice about sensory difficulties.

As part of the assessment process Occupational Therapists will spend time observing and talking to the young person and their family either in the clinic or home environment.

Contact details: 01204 463500

Paediatrician

Paediatricians are medical doctors who specialise in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and care of children. They work with families and children around aspects of the child's social, emotional and physical health. Paediatricians usually work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

A paediatrician will usually see the child and family in the hospital or clinic setting, although they may also see the child in the home and school environment. The assessment process will involve observing the child interacting with others. They will also interview the child and family as well as carrying out physical health checks.

Referrals to a paediatrician usually come from the GP or Health Visitor.

Contact details: 01204 463500

Health Visitor

Health Visitors are qualified nurses or midwives who complete post-registration training to specialise in health visiting. Health visitors work with preschool children and their families.

The Health Visitor, like the GP, is part of the primary care team and their role is to promote good health, prevent illness and support families.

Health Visitors may be involved in childhood development checks and therefore may be the first person to refer on to other agencies.

Contact details: local Children's/Health Centre

