

KEY SERVICES WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY

Health Visitor- Health visitors are qualified nurses or midwives who support and work with mothers, their families and community groups to promote the health and wellbeing of children during the early years of their life. This is typically between the antenatal period and their 5th birthday. Your Health Visitor will also be able to refer you to Early Help services and therapies and can play a key role in bringing together relevant local services. A health visitor is usually allocated to you after the birth of your child. However if your child was not born in UK you can contact your local Health Visitor Team via your GP.

Early Help Team- The Early Help Team is a multiagency service which includes professionals from Early Years, Family Support, School Attendance and Youth Support. This service works with families with children and young people aged 0-19, where there are indications of emerging difficulties and or additional needs. They offer a range of support including:

- Parenting work
 - Sleep advisory support
 - Activity based programmes
 - Individual advice/support
- Family health and well-being

RBKC Disabled Children's Team- The Disabled Children's Team (DCT) provides advice, support and practical help to families with children up to the age of 18 years with a disability, who are substantially affected in their everyday living by a physical or mental impairment. They have a multidisciplinary team of specialist workers which includes Social Workers, a Health Development Worker, an Occupational Therapist, a Respite Care Coordinator, Social Care Workers and a Shared Care Social Worker.

The team offers information, advice, support and practical help including:

- One-to-one support at home
- Help to enable a child to attend an after school club or play scheme and residential breaks
- 'Children in Need' assessments
- Help identifying resources
- Working with children and young people who are Looked After
- Providing help in an emergency if needed

Key Worker Service (St Quintin)- The Key Worker Service is part of the early intervention services which supports families who have a child with additional health needs or a disability between the ages of 0-7 years. The Key Worker Service helps families find out more about the facilities and provisions available to support both them and their child. They can offer emotional support and where appropriate make referrals to other professionals and services, help with benefits and other applications, liaise with other professionals and co-ordinate services.



SEN Keyworker- A Special Educational Needs Keyworkers supports children, young people and their families who are undergoing an Educational Health and Care (EHC) Plan assessment. They are the single point of contact for families throughout the assessment and planning process, offering support and guidance and enabling participation by ensuring that parents are treated as equal partners throughout. They are responsible for coordinating and managing the multi-agency approach of the assessment, preparing draft EHC Plans and coordinating EHC Plan reviews.

SEN Case Officer- A Special Educational Needs Case Officer plays an administrative role in supporting the SEN Keyworker with the EHC Plan assessment.