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## Some of the people you are likely to meet

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**Consultant Paediatrician** - A doctor who works in a hospital and treats children who are acutely ill or have a disability. To contact your Consultant Paediatrician telephone their secretary at the appropriate hospital.

**Consultant Community Paediatrician** - A Consultant Community Paediatrician is a doctor who specialises in child health and development. They work with children who have a wide range of disabilities, liaising with a wide range of professionals. To contact your Consultant Community Paediatrician contact their secretary.

**Physiotherapists** - A physiotherapist may see your child to assess developing movement skills. They will show you the best way to handle your child and to assist with their physical development.

**Occupational Therapists** - Occupational Therapists are concerned with children's overall development in terms of their visual and manipulation abilities including mobility, play learning and activities of daily living. They can advise on special equipment – bathing, seating etc.

**Speech & Language Therapists** - Speech & Language Therapists work with children who have communication problems. They can also help with eating and swallowing difficulties.

**Clinical Psychologists** - A Clinical Psychologist assesses your child's behaviour and emotional development in the context of the family. If there are problems with a specific aspect of the child's behaviour they will offer advice and a management programme.

**Educational Psychologists** - Educational Psychologists are part of the education service. They advise on child development and education. They work closely with other members of the team to help assess your child's strengths and weaknesses and to identify additional support needs and possible ways of meeting these.

**Pre-school Home Visiting Teacher** - Home Visiting Teachers work under the direction of a Senior Educational Psychologist. Any child with needs which may adversely affect their educational progress and development may be referred to them.

**Social Worker** - A Social Worker can help families who have a disabled child. They may be able to help with practical problems such as finance, extra support at home and can advise on other difficulties you may be having.

**Health Visitor** - Health Visitors are trained nurses with specialist qualifications who can give advice on child care and development. They may see you at home.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

CHIP+	-	01463 711189
Birnie Child Development Centre	-	01463 704419
Paediatrician's Secretary	-	.....
Social Worker	-	.....
Educational Psychologist	-	.....
Health Visitor	-	.....

