

## Useful information and links

### St. Joseph's Foundation

[www.stjosephsfoundation.ie](http://www.stjosephsfoundation.ie)

### Autism Spectrum Disorder Service

[www.stjosephsfoundation.ie](http://www.stjosephsfoundation.ie)

### Enable Ireland Services

[www.enableireland.com](http://www.enableireland.com)

### Child & Adolescent Mental Health

[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

### Early Intervention Service

[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

## WHERE CAN I GET A REFERRAL FORM?

Referral Form available from?

### Health Centres: Public Health Nurse

### Services your child is involved with

### G.P, SLT, Paediatric Physio, & OT

Clinical Link  
Early Intervention Services  
HSE – North Cork  
Children's Services Building  
Market Square  
O'Brien Street  
Mallow  
Co Cork

Tel No: 022/30210



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### Early Intervention Services

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# EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

## WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early Intervention Services are provided to families of children from birth – 5 years 11months who may have development difficulties in more than one area.

Early Intervention is provided by a team comprising of different disciplines that have skills and experience in early intervention. Working in partnership with parents and families they provide a child and family centred assessment and intervention service tailored to your child's needs.

The aim of the team is to assist you and your family to learn the best ways to support and promote the development of your child.

## HOW DO I ACCESS THE SERVICE?

Firstly talk to your public health nurse, G.P or other health professional regarding the concerns you have about your child. Then a joint decision can be made whether to make a referral.

If a referral is required you and your health professional will jointly complete a standard referral form. Parental consent is necessary to make the referral.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All referrals are brought to a monthly meeting called an Intake Forum where your referral will be discussed.

Based on the information you have provided the Intake Forum will decide on the most appropriate team to see your child.

**This could be one of the following teams/services:**

1. St. Joseph's Foundation
2. Regional Autism Spectrum Disorder Service – (A.S.D.)
3. Child Adolescent Mental Health Service – (C.A.M.H.S.)
4. Enable Ireland
5. Community E.I. service – for children who have difficulties in the absence of any of the above.

### **Please Note**

If the child is not suitable for any of the Services the referral will be sent back to the referrer with a rationale.

In some cases the Forum may recommend a referral to Community Paediatric Services eg Community Paediatric OT services.