

Job Description

Role: Early Development Group Practitioner

Hours of work: Hours are flexible and to be discussed

Reports to: Rebecca Baxter

We offer Early Development Groups to pre-school children with Down syndrome from age 6 months to the start of primary school. The group sessions last one hour with up to 4 children in each group. The group covers targets set across the range of development including; communication, speech, receptive vocabulary and language, expressive vocabulary and language, number, memory, reading, play and cognition. These targets are demonstrated for families to practise with their child to promote new skills and development.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Provide Information and advice around the learning profile associated with Down syndrome, areas of strength and difficulty, stages of development and relevant services
- Demonstrate activities and support parents to carry out activities with their children to ensure they are confident and able to practise these activities at home
- Provide information on why these activities are important to practise and the ways they can help to promote development
- Provide an activity sheet for parents to practise at home with their child
- Keep monthly records of each child's performance and development to ensure individual targets and measurement of progress
- Carry out informal assessments of each child to identify current development and skills across the areas covered in the early development group
- Create long term and short term targets for individuals within the early development groups
- Provide written reports following assessments to review the child's development and their progress towards goals
- Prepare and organise resources relevant to the activities for the agreed targets
- Deliver plans and contribute to future planning
- Manage and engage a group of up to 4 pre-school children
- To attend recommended Down syndrome specific training