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Leaflet 11: Outreach Support Service

What is the Outreach Support Service?

The Outreach Support Service is part of the Inclusion Service. They are a team of staff with specialist knowledge and understanding of children with complex additional support needs. Within this team there is extensive knowledge, understanding, and experience of working with children who have a range of needs. These include Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), trauma, and attachment difficulties.

What can Outreach Support Service offer?

- Consultation and advice to schools or parents
- Observations
- Approaches and strategies
- Resources
- Support for focussed interventions with pupils
- Transition planning support
- Attendance at meetings
- Training for staff

What can the Outreach Teachers support schools with?

- Structuring the child's learning environment
- Setting up successful visual schedules
- Designing the child's own work system
- Designing tasks and structure work activities
- Building on routines, strengths and interests
- Assessing and improving play and social skills
- Assessing and improve functional communication
- Developing strategies to manage behaviour

What partner agencies do they work with?

- Parent to Parent
- Community Link Workers
- Educational Psychology
- Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)
- Occupational therapy (OT)
- CAMHS (NHS)
- School Aged Development Clinic
- School Nurse
- Social Services
- Third Sector Agencies eg Parent to Parent and Perth Autism Support (PAS)

How can Outreach Support Service be accessed?

Schools can request support from the Outreach Service through an internal referral process.

What useful resources and websites are available?

- **Education Scotland: Inclusion**
<https://education.gov.scot/scottish-education-system/Support%20for%20all>
- **Autism Network Scotland**
<http://www.autismnetworkscotland.org.uk/>
- **Autism toolbox**
<http://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk/>

Further information is available from:

- Staff in the school or Early Learning and Childcare(ELC) setting who know your child
- The Inclusion Service in Perth and Kinross Council (ASN@pkc.gov.uk or Customer Service Centre 01738 475000)
- Enquire Helpline on 0845 123 2303, www.enquire.org.uk or info@enquire.org.uk
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/7/contents>
- Other leaflets in this series

