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Coordinating Services for Young Children with Additional Support Needs (0 - 3 years)

What is the Pre-School Assessment Team (PRESCAT)

PRESCAT is a group of professional personnel from Education, Health and Social Work. The core members of the PRESCAT team have access to the services, supports and information that their agency can provide.

PRESCAT offers a single door route of referral to a wide range of Education, Health and Social Work services, for children with additional support needs in the 0 - 3 age range.

Who can refer to PRESCAT?

Children are normally referred to PRESCAT by their Paediatrician from the Child Development Centres. However, referrals can also be made by other professionals working with a child/family or by the family themselves. Referring agencies must always seek parental permission before referring a child to PRESCAT.

Who attends PRESCAT?

The core PRESCAT team will usually consist of :

- Educational Psychologist (chairperson)
- Health representative
- Social Work representative
- Manager of KEYS or her representative (Kilpatrick Early Years Services)
- Manager of Preschool and Childcare

Parents will be invited to attend the PRESCAT meeting, as well as other key personnel who may already be involved in supporting the child/family.

If the parent decides that they do not wish to attend the meeting, arrangements will be made for any PRESCAT recommendations to be directly communicated to the parents after the meeting, for comment and approval.

What happens when a child is referred to PRESCAT?

When a child is referred to PRESCAT, the core PRESCAT team will discuss the information available and the supports and provision already in place. It will take account of the needs of the child and family and whether there are any other helpful supports, services or information than can be provided. Discussion at PRESCAT should last about half an hour. The aim of the meeting is to agree a plan of action that would best meet the needs of the children at that time.

There are many things that PRESCAT can recommend, including:

- involvement of the pre-school home visiting service;
- application for the child to attend a local nursery prior to their entitlement;
- access to specialist supports and services through the KEYS service;
- accessing other agencies and supports who might be able to help.

Parents have the final say on whether agreed recommendations are progressed. A summary of the PRESCAT discussion and any recommendations arising will be sent to all those in attendance at the meeting, the parents and the referrer.

Enquiries about referrals or requests for further information should be made to:

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PRESCAT
Psychological Services
Carleith Primary School
Stark Avenue
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Clydebank G81 6EF**

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Further information can be obtained from:

Enquire

www.enquire.org.uk

Scottish Government

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education

Learning and Teaching Scotland

[www.ltscotland.org.uk/supportinglearners/
additional-supportneeds/index.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/supportinglearners/additional-supportneeds/index.asp)

West Dunbartonshire Council

[http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/
education-and-learning/additional-support-needs](http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/additional-support-needs)

Additional Support Needs Tribunal (ANST) for Scotland

www.asntscotland.gov.uk

Govan Law Centre

www.edlaw.org.uk

Leaflets in this series. A guide to:

- Additional Support Needs Legislation
- Additional Support Needs in West Dunbartonshire Council
- The Co-ordinated Support Plan (CSP)
- Dyslexia
- Getting Help and Resolving Disagreements:
 - Mediation;
 - Dispute Resolution;
 - Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland (ANSTs)
- Going to Meetings to Discuss Your Child
- Individualised Education Programmes (IEP)
- Staged Intervention
- The Network Support Resource
- The Pre-school Assessment Team (PreScAT)
- Attendance Review Committee - Attendance Orders
- Accessing Specialist Provision in West Dunbartonshire
- Attendance Procedures

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