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### REQUEST & OUR RESPONSE:

Children's Occupational Therapy service information.

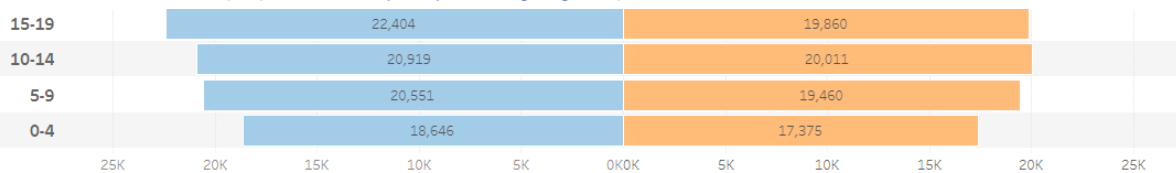
Who commissions your Children's Occupational Therapy Service? **OUR RESPONSE: Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland Integrated Care Board.**

Please share the total approximate population number of children aged 0 - 17 years your area serves. **OUR RESPONSE:**

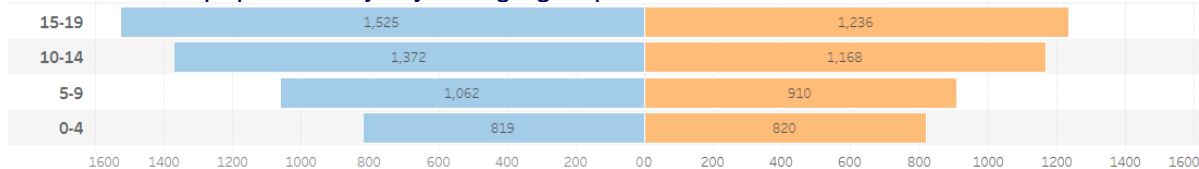
Population by age band & sex time series in Leicester.

	Sex	Age	Census Year	Population
1	Persons	05 to 09	2021	24,808
2	Persons	10 to 14	2021	25,622
3	Persons	15 to 19	2021	28,332
4	Persons	00 to 04	2021	22,299

### Usual resident population by 5-year age group & sex in Leicestershire



### Usual resident population by 5-year age group & sex in Rutland



Do you know the approximate number of children in your area that have an Education Health and Care Plan? **OUR RESPONSE:**

Year	LA Name	Establishment Group	EHCP	Number-Caseload
2024	Leicester	Alternative provision/Pupil referral unit	EHCP	23
2024	Leicester	Educated elsewhere	EHCP	43
2024	Leicester	Further education	EHCP	480
2024	Leicester	Mainstream school	EHCP	1677
2024	Leicester	Non-maintained early years	EHCP	59
2024	Leicester	Other	EHCP	2
2024	Leicester	Special school	EHCP	1364
<b>2024</b>	<b>Leicester</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EHCP</b>	<b>3824</b>
2024	Rutland	Alternative provision/Pupil referral unit	EHCP	1
2024	Rutland	Educated elsewhere	EHCP	22
2024	Rutland	Further education	EHCP	60
2024	Rutland	Mainstream school	EHCP	175

2024	Rutland	Non-maintained early years	EHCP	1
2024	Rutland	Other	EHCP	1
2024	Rutland	Special school	EHCP	74
<b>2024</b>	<b>Rutland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EHCP</b>	<b>340</b>
2024	Leicestershire	Alternative provision/Pupil referral unit	EHCP	3
2024	Leicestershire	Educated elsewhere	EHCP	243
2024	Leicestershire	Further education	EHCP	1040
2024	Leicestershire	Mainstream school	EHCP	2435
2024	Leicestershire	NEET	EHCP	334
2024	Leicestershire	Non-maintained early years	EHCP	25
2024	Leicestershire	Other	EHCP	2
2024	Leicestershire	Special school	EHCP	2255
<b>2024</b>	<b>Leicestershire</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EHCP</b>	<b>6377</b>

What is the age range of children and young people you see? **OUR RESPONSE:** Children and young people registered with an LLR GP aged 0 – 17 and 364 days (or up to 18 and 364 for days for those in full time education).

Who do you accept referrals from? **OUR RESPONSE:** Other health professions or education settings.

Where to you see children? **OUR RESPONSE:** Based in clinics across the region, the service retains the option to deliver in alternative settings where clinically indicated such as education settings or homes.

Can you summarise your referral criteria. If this is not possible please share a link to your website. **OUR RESPONSE:** This is based on a referral screening process which identifies the most clinically appropriate pathway and a medical diagnosis which identifies the input required.

Children with functional skill difficulties below learning levels.

Children/Young People who require support with:

- developmentally appropriate self-care and self-maintenance skills
- physical participation/access to age-appropriate play opportunities
- physical readiness for nursery/school
- physical participation or access within the classroom and school environment
- participation within the community
- preparedness for adulthood, acquisition of adult orientated skills
- Under 1's with neurological based functional needs for readiness for play, interaction with their environment and early self-care skill development.

How many full time equivalent Band 8 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**0.8

How many full time equivalent Band 7 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**2.13

How many full time equivalent Band 6 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**9.06

How many full time equivalent Band 5 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**2

How many full time equivalent Band 4 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**0.8

How many full time equivalent Band 3 staff do you employ? **OUR RESPONSE:**3.5

Approximately how many new referrals do you receive per month? **OUR RESPONSE:** Referrals received in May 2024 was 166. Average referrals received over 2023/2024 was 156 per month.

What is your average caseload number for FTE Band 7 staff? **OUR RESPONSE:** Approx 20

What is your average caseload number for FTE Band 6 staff? **OUR RESPONSE:** Approx 60

What is your average caseload number for FTE Band 5 staff? **OUR RESPONSE:** Approx 40-50

What is your average caseload number for FTE Band 4 staff? **OUR RESPONSE:** Do not hold caseloads

If you employ Band 3 staff what are their key responsibilities? **OUR RESPONSE:** Delivery of treatment blocks, setting up and monitoring of equipment. Supporting Occupational Therapist and physiotherapist with assessment and treatment.

If you employ Band 4 staff/Assistant Practitioners what are their key responsibilities? **OUR RESPONSE:** Supporting Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist with the assessment & treatment of children 0-19 years. Management and clinical support for band 3 TSWs

What are the main Children's Occupational Therapy intervention do you offer? **OUR RESPONSE:** Children and young people will receive evidence-based therapy interventions aimed at achieving optimal functional impact with the aim of empowering them and their families to self-manage their conditions proactively in the long term. This is delivered through a variety of methods such as equipment provision, hand splint provision, therapy programmes, treatment blocks and advice. There is also a digital offer which includes Parental Education workshops: Co-ordination workshops and Sensory workshops

Please summarise how you prioritise referrals into your service? **OUR RESPONSE:** Referrals are categorised into 4 groups based on risk and need - Urgent, 1,2, 3. Urgent and 1 being prioritised to be seen first. We hold urgent slots to help us action them more quickly. Cases can also move between priority groups if additional information changes the risk level or their needs change.

If your team offer support into special schools please share information about the OT role, how many therapists and what is the skill mix, including any other relevant information you think is useful? **OUR RESPONSE:** We do not specifically work in special schools or have a specific offer into special schools. If a child is known to the service and attends a special school a clinical decision will be made as to whether an appointment is required at the school or not, dependent on the clinical need at the time.

Do you offer any in reach support to the neonatal wards and if so how much and how is this commissioned? **OUR RESPONSE:** No

If you are primarily a health team, how do you integrate with your social care Children's Occupational Therapists? **OUR RESPONSE:** on an individual child basis if required.

Do you work in smaller teams within your wider team, for example, early years team, special schools team, transition team, complex needs team or do all therapists see all ages and children? **OUR RESPONSE:** The service is delivered by Occupational Therapists and Therapy Support Workers using a workforce model that prioritises clinical need within the service. Each episode of care may be delivered by a variety of staff throughout. Children and young people will be assigned to one of three, evidence-based clinical pathways. Each pathway is underpinned by a standard operating procedure. Early Years: Children who require intervention around the early development of motor, sensory and functional skills will be seen under this pathway. Physical Disabilities: Children who have the potential to achieve independence with functional Activities of Daily Living with or without use of equipment or adaptation to the activity or environment will be seen under this pathway. Complex Physical Needs: Children who's purposeful and active movement skills are significantly restricted and who rely significantly on carer support and adaptations in order to meet their personal care needs and participate in activities of daily living, education and leisure will be seen under this pathway.