Directions to Rainbow House

Rainbow House is situated in the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine. You should follow the signs for the hospital.

If you are coming from the direction of Kilwinning, you should take the second turning on the left. If you are coming from the direction of Irvine, you should take the first turning on the right. Rainbow House is situated on the right.

All of our publications are available in different languages, larger print, braille (English only), audio tape or another format of your choice.

We are open
Monday to Thursday - 9am to 5pm
Friday - 9am to 4.30pm

Visit our website: www.nhsaaa.net

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What is Rainbow House?
Rainbow House is an assessment, diagnosis and treatment centre for children and young people in Ayrshire and Arran with concerns regarding development. It is located at Ayrshire Central Hospital, and is the base for the Community Paediatric Service.

We provide a wide variety of services from Rainbow House. Our team, made up from staff from a number of disciplines specialises in working with children and young people to develop and learn skills.

If there is a concern with how your child or young person is developing, they may be referred to one or more departments in Rainbow House. We may need to see them just once, or over a long period of time. This depends on the outcome of our initial assessment.

The initial assessment may take place at Rainbow House or in the community, and may take between one to two hours. We may ask to see your child or young person on their own, or as part of a larger group.

Our staff work in partnership with parents and carers and the children and young people. We also work closely with education departments and social work.

The information you share with us is confidential.

After the first appointment, we will send a letter to the person who referred your child or young person to this service. We will also send a copy to the staff grade paediatrician, and often to the parent or carer. With your consent, a copy may also be forwarded to other professionals involved in your child or young person’s care.

Community paediatric team at Rainbow House

Consultant paediatricians specialise in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children and young people with concerns regarding development. The consultant paediatrician will co-ordinate any medical and therapy referrals.

Clinical psychologists see children and young people and their families when there are concerns about behaviour. These worries are usually raised by parents and may result from a child’s difficulties with development.

Nursing staff: All children and young people referred to the consultant paediatrician are seen by the nursing team. The nurse may follow-up appointments with a telephone call. There is a parent and baby group within Rainbow House. The nursing team can provide information on other local support groups.

Occupational therapists help children and young people to adapt to their environment regardless of their ability and/or disability. They can assist children and young people and their parents or carers to achieve maximum levels of function and independence in their daily life.

Physiotherapists assess and manage children and young people with movement disorders, disability or illness. The goal is to help children or young people by providing physical treatment, advice and support.

Administrative staff provide support to the clinicians and therapists, and will be the first person you contact, if you telephone or visit Rainbow House.