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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

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# Sleep difficulties in children and young people

## Support services

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### Local support services

#### Early Help Unit

Nottinghamshire central support service to all families. This service can provide information and advice to all families within the county with or without a diagnosis.

Telephone: 0115 8041248

Email: [early.help@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:early.help@nottscg.gov.uk)

If an early help referral for support is needed this must be completed online by a professional this can be your child's teacher

#### Healthy Families Team

Deliver the Healthy Families Programme - an integrated service for children, young people and families which brings together care provided by health visitors, school nurses, the Family Nurse Partnership Programme and the National Childhood Measurement Programme.

Website: <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/healthy-family-teams>

Parents can ring directly to access support around continence and toileting issues. The team also provide access to bed alarms:

Advice Line: 0300 123 3387 and pick option 4.

### National Services

#### NHS Choices

The NHS choices website has information about sleep including strategies for children's sleep.

Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childreassleep>

#### Sleep Charity

A national award-winning charity supporting children with sleep issues. They provide support for families and accredited training for professionals and commercial organisations.

Website: [www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk/](http://www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk/)

## **Children's Centre**

Children under the age of 5 years – sleep tight workshop offered by local children's centre

Website: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centre-service>

## **Children with specific disabilities**

### **National Autism Society**

Support and advice for families and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Website: <http://www.autism.org.uk/about/health/sleep.aspx>

### **Scope**

Scope is a charity for people with additional needs.

Website: [www.scope.org.uk/support/families/sleep/routine](http://www.scope.org.uk/support/families/sleep/routine)

### **Cerebra**

A sleep service for children with neurological and developmental conditions.

Website: <https://www.cerebra.org.uk/help-and-information/sleep-service/>

### **Contact a Family**

A charity for families with disabled children, which also provides information and advice around sleep.

Websites: <https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/health-medical-information/common-concerns/helping-you-and-your-child-sleep/>

[https://contact.org.uk/media/1174580/helping\\_your\\_child\\_sleep.pdf](https://contact.org.uk/media/1174580/helping_your_child_sleep.pdf) (specific leaflet)

### **Council for Disabled Children**

This organisation for disabled children provide the Early Support Sleep guide with information and advice around sleep.

Website: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/files/earlysupportsleepfinal2.pdf>

### **The National Deaf Children's Society**

Providing information on helping your deaf child to sleep.

Website: <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/parenting-and-family-life/parenting/parenting-a-deaf-child/helping-your-child-sleep/>

## **Information services**

Families can contact the information service below to access additional resources around sleep.

Library and Knowledge Service, King's Mill Hospital

Online link to catalogue of books and resources: <http://sherwoodforest.nhslibraries.com/> - search using the term "child health collection".

Telephone: 01623 622515, extension 4009

### **Further sources of information**

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

## **Patient Experience Team (PET)**

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

**King's Mill Hospital:** 01623 672222

**Newark Hospital:** 01636 685692

**Email:** [sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net)

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