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Deaf Children Needing Sensory Integration

"Deaf children are at 70% higher risk of needing sensory integration (primitive retained reflexes)"

What is the Trust's policy on providing this care and what training is provided to staff on this issue?

Occupational Therapy intervention is targeted to maximise function and minimise impact of any developmental, sensory or physical difficulties the child may experience.

The therapeutic approach will vary depending on the functional level of the child and the assessed need at the time and thus Occupational Therapists may use an eclectic approach, or adopt a specific approach such as sensory integration.

All specialist Occupational Therapists will have received a level of in-service training in relation to Sensory Integration and be expected to maintain up to date knowledge.