

Questions we have been asked and their outcomes.

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Query	Outcome
Are aspartame elimination diets an effective alternative therapy for children with ADHD?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Are general elimination diets an effective alternative therapy for children with ADHD?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Are omega 3 supplements effective at reducing symptoms in children with ADHD?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Are there any clinical trials for stem cell research for Cerebral Palsy in the UK?	Sent parent a link to the International Society for Stem Cell Research patient handbook on stem cell therapies http://www.isscr.org/home/publications/patient-handbook and link to the clinical trials register https://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/
Are there any studies comparing one to one versus group SALT (Speech and Language Therapy)?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
Are there links between ventriculomegaly causing brain damage during pregnancy and going on to cause further brain related disabilities in later life?	Consulted neonatologist and forwarded information to parent.
Cerebral Palsy and Pilates	Insufficient information about the question to pursue.
Do active console games have therapeutic and/or social benefits for children with motor impairments?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website, unit has working group which is developing a research question around this topic.
Do different amounts of physiotherapy and occupational therapy result in different outcomes?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
Do you have any information on Charcot Marie Tooth type 1b	Insufficient information about the question to pursue
Does constraint induced movement therapy improve manual ability in children with hemiplegia?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Does having a child with special needs incur health problems in the main carer? Stress related illnesses.	Summary of existing literature was sent to questioner and topic currently being considered by the unit.
Evaluation of school based programme for children with coordination difficulties (Education and Health working together - Wakefield)	Unable to pursue project based in Yorkshire.
Has there been any research about the effectiveness of 'Meditouch' rehabilitation systems, in particular the HandTutor™?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.

How effective is speech therapy for verbal dyspraxia in children with a learning disability, compared to no therapy?	What's the Evidence summary in progress
Impact of metronome integration therapy on concentration, behaviour, speech, reading and writing in children with neurological dysfunction.	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Is Applied Behavioural Analysis an effective intervention for children with autistic spectrum disorders?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Is hyperbaric oxygen treatment effective for children with cerebral palsy?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
Is TEACCH an effective treatment for children with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
Is there any information on research into which supplements/vitamins to give a child with acquired brain damage ?	Parent was signposted to existing sources of information.
Is there any research evidence about the effectiveness of the Scotson Technique?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Is there any research evidence about the effectiveness of the therapies provided by Brainwave, and Footsteps?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Is there any research on the effect of retained reflexes and whether treatment programmes to inhibit or integrate retained reflexes are useful?	Parent was signposted to existing sources of information.
Massage therapy for children with Cerebral Palsy.	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Research question: I would like to know if there is any evidence which shows at what point (i.e.. 5, 10, 30 mins after seizure onset) it is best to use emergency medication when treating a child who is likely to/known to suffer cycles of prolonged or repeated seizures or status epilepticus.	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
Use of weighted quilts in sleep and ASD.	Signposted parent to existing sources of information.
What evidence is there for early intervention with music therapy for children with no communication - evidence for change of trajectory/way and desire to communicate?	Signpost to Music Therapy page on the Research Autism website http://researchautism.net/autism_treatments_therapies_intervention.ikml?ra=39
What is G therapy for children with cerebral palsy, and are there any studies about it?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website

What is Locked In Syndrome and what are the alternative and traditional methods of rehabilitation?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
What is selective dorsal rhizotomy and is it an effective therapy for children with cerebral palsy?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
What is the effect of early left hemispheric surgery for intractable epilepsy on later language/communication skills?	What's the Evidence summary written and available on website.
What is the effectiveness of advanced biomechanical rehabilitation therapy (ABR)?	Insufficient information about the question to pursue
What is the effectiveness of school based interventions such as ABA, TEACCH and SCERTS for social participation, language skills and social skills for children with ASD?	Sent details of existing information and What's the Evidence summary to parent. Signposted to other sources of information.
What is the impact of having a disabled sibling and support for siblings?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
What is the occurrence (co-morbidity) of autism with other diagnosed conditions, and what is its significance for service/care provision for the child?	Signposted to Cerebra briefing about autism in genetic conditions: http://www.cerebra.org.uk/English/getinformation/conditions/Pages/Autismingeneticsyndromes.aspx
What is the sensory integration theory for autistic spectrum disorder?	Signposted to evidence; brief summary available on website.
Why do different families receive medication in different forms, how do clinicians decide what to provide, issues around information giving to patients surrounding medication, why are decisions made without consulting parents. i.e. about changing contracts.	Service issue which does not fit with the scope of our research - unable to pursue.