



East London
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SCYPS commitment to ensuring the quality of Children's Therapies support offered

Occupational Therapists (OT) working in the Specialist Children's and Young People's Service, employed by East London Foundation Trust, undergo safer recruitment processes when they are employed. This means all of our Occupational Therapy staff have an enhanced DBS certificate and are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Our Therapy staff are all suitably qualified and experienced to undertake the role they are employed to do. All our staff have on-going regular clinical supervision, continuing professional development and annual appraisals. Staff provide regular evidence of compliance with re-registration processes with the HCPC. Whilst staff employed within the service have differing levels of experience, the service is committed to developing all staff through post graduate 'on the job' training, this includes joint visits and supervision with more experienced staff.

Occupational Therapists are skilled professionals who are able to assess and assist people with sensory issues which impact on their ability to participate in activities of daily living. The HCPC requires Occupational Therapists to 'practise safely and effectively within their scope of practice' and 'draw on appropriate knowledge and skills to inform practice' (HCPC, 2013). The HCPC does not specify that a particular type or level of qualification in sensory interventions, for example when Ayres Sensory Integration® is expected.

However, at SCYPS, we are committed to delivering quality therapy interventions from staff who have all the required competencies to support the development of children and young people's needs in partnership with parents, carers and school colleagues.

Please see the Royal College of Occupational Therapists Informed View on Sensory Integration and sensory-based interventions (2021) for further information

We welcome all direct feedback from parents and carers on the therapies and services we provide.

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