

What do Paediatric Psychologists do?

Paediatric clinical psychologists work with children and young people with a medical illness and/or physical symptoms, their families and carers, including staff. They aim to reduce distress, promote optimal development, improve psychological wellbeing and improve health outcomes for these young people and their carers. What might this involve?

- Direct clinical work with children, young people and their families referred because of identified concerns or those who are considered at risk of developing difficulties
- Teaching, consultation and joint work with other members of the multi-disciplinary health care team involved in the child's care
- Conducting audit, research studies and evaluation
- Participating at a strategic, service or policy level within the wider system to improve care for children