Patient Information Leaflet



# Sensory Processing – Our Service Offer

Information for Parents, Teachers and Carers



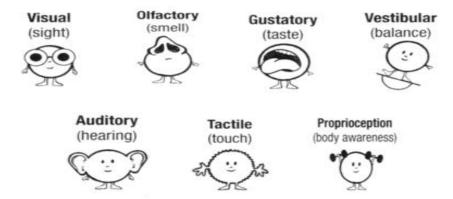
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For York and Selby Area: 01904 726599

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#### What is Sensory Processing?

Throughout our everyday activities our brain is provided with information from our 7 senses.



Our brain receives this information, processes it, and uses what we require to **function** and remain appropriately calm and alert.

In those with sensory processing differences, the brain is unable to clearly register and process this information which impacts on **functional ability to carry out activities of daily living**. The brain may place too much or too little importance on the information causing a person to receive too much or too little of that sensation.

We all have some sensory processing differences that are often our quirks such as not liking certain textures of foods, needing to cut labels out of clothes, heightened sense of smell or not liking busy and noisy environments. However, it is the level of these problems and the impact that they have on our ability to **function** with essential everyday tasks or activities that determines a sensory processing difficulty.

#### **Our Service Offer**

Our Occupational Therapy team will accept referrals that detail barriers to function and the impact this has on physically completing everyday tasks and activities. At the assessment appointment the Occupational Therapist will discuss with you the difficulties with sensory processing that your child is facing. Our service offers advice and recommendations to help to manage these difficulties within home and school environments. It is very much a team based approach and draws upon the partnership between parents, the child, and school staff. The Occupational Therapist will also provide a report of these strategies and information on the sensory processing difficulties your child presents with. In many cases we will only need to offer one appointment to give the appropriate advice for your child's sensory processing needs.

# Tell us what you think

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact:

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# Teaching, Training and Research

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of staff and improve health and healthcare in our community. Staff or students in training may attend consultations for this purpose. You can opt-out if you do not want trainees to attend. Staff may also ask you to be involved in our research.

# Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Patients, relatives and carers sometimes need to turn to someone for help, advice or support. Our PALS team is here for you. PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or via email at pals@york.nhs.uk An answer phone is available out of hours.

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- · Respecting and valuing each other
- Listening in order to improve
- · Always doing what we can to be helpful

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