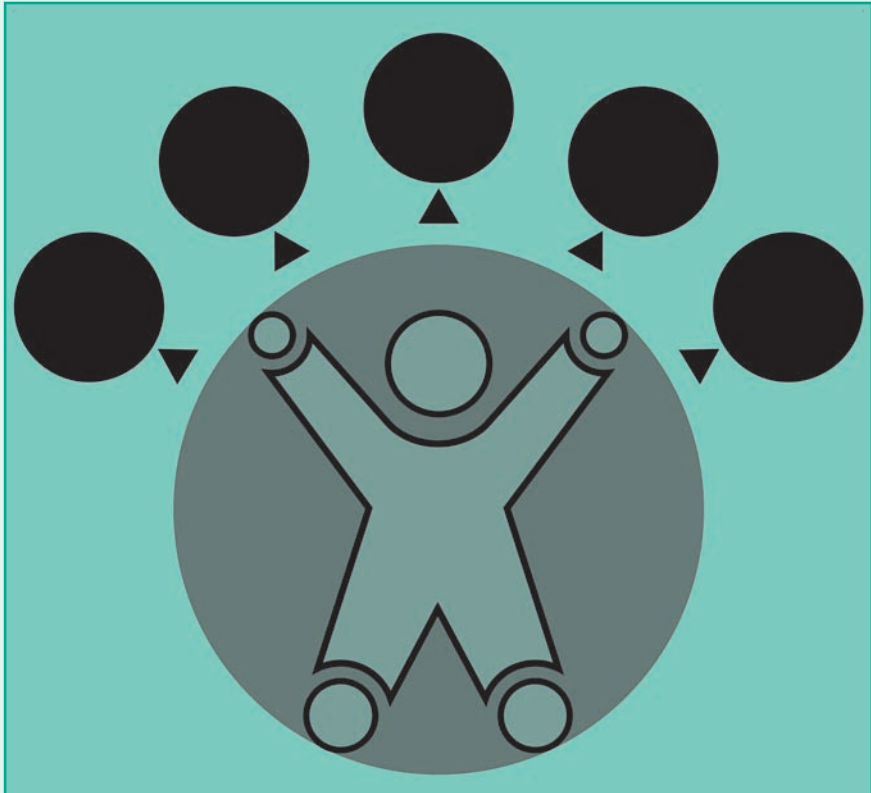


Specialist Section Children, Young People & Families



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Members

The Children, Young People and Families Specialist Section represents Occupational Therapists working with Children, Young People and their Families in a wide range of practice settings. For example;

- Acute Hospitals
- Childrens and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Children's Centres
- Community Services
- Education / Schools
- Independent Practice
- Learning Disability Teams
- Local Authority Social Services
- Wheelchair Services
- Voluntary Sector.

The Specialist Section promotes the development of high standards of professional practice in Children's Occupational Therapy. It acts as an advisory body on issues of national significance for the development of occupational therapy for children, young people and their families.

National Executive Committee

The Specialist Section is co-ordinated by an elected National Executive Committee (NEC) who act as a link between the Specialist Section, their members and the COT. Members are also co-opted to the committee as delegated officers or representatives of specialist groups.

Networks & Forums

A comprehensive network of Regional Groups offer support to our members on a local basis, providing information through informal meetings as well as organising and running training events and courses.

Specialist subgroups exist within the Specialist Section such as the OT's working in an Acute Setting and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health group. These network groups meet on a regular basis

and offer support, advise and training to childrens OT's in specific areas of paediatric practice.

In addition, the Children, Young People and Families Managers' Network meets regularly to share information and provide professional support at a national as well as local level. Meetings provide an opportunity to discuss issues related to clinical practice and service development.

All of the above groups have representation on the Specialist Section NEC.

Journal

The CYPF Journal is published 3 times a year and features articles, book reviews, reports and up to date information relating to all areas of Occupational Therapy for Children, Young People and Families. We encourage members to contribute to the Journal as a way of sharing current practice and new service developments.

Research

The Specialist Section offer advice and guidance to any member wishing to undertake research for children and young people. We encourage members to develop evidence-based practice and carry out good clinical research.

Website

The Specialist Section webpages on the COT website has up-to-date information of forthcoming Children, Young People and Families events such as training and study days as well as the Children, Young People and Families Annual Conference. Space is included for research pages, regional groups and specialist subgroups as another means of networking and sharing of information. In addition, current NEC delegates and their roles will be displayed.