**NHS Sheffield Place SEND Team - Scope of Practice**

**Statement of Purpose**

We are a dedicated team of health professionals responsible for discharging the statutory health duties related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) for children and young people aged 0-25 within Sheffield.

Our work is governed by applicable legislation including the SEND Code of Practice (2015), Children and Families Act (2014), Equality Act (2010) and the Children Act (2004).

We provide advice, support, assessment and professional oversight from a health perspective with the aim of facilitating access to education. We work in collaboration with our colleagues across all health services within Sheffield to ensure that a child or young person’s health needs are appropriately assessed and accounted for when planning a holistic package of support.

We work in partnership with our local authority colleagues to ensure that the health element of a child or young person’s holistic needs is appropriately included within an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

We provide consultation and support for partner agencies who may require additional guidance to facilitate a child or young person’s access to education.

We ensure that the child or young person is at the centre of all decisions made about their health and how this may impact on them accessing education, is involved in these decisions and has their voice heard. We provide professional challenge to affect change and align provision to meet identified health needs where appropriate.

**Criteria for referral to SEND Clinical Case Manager**

* Consultation/ advice and support
* Review of current health provision in relation to EHCP outcomes
* Contribution to the Annual Review of a child or young person with complex health needs

**Individual complex case management:**

* Involvement of 3 or more speciality Consultants
* Sudden traumatic health event or injury requiring rehabilitation
* Complex health needs requiring specialist support and clinical oversight of specific SEND needs in education

**Criteria for referral to Designated Clinical Officer (SEND)- known as DCO**

* Tribunal
* Appeal
* Consultation/ advice and support