

New Provider for Barnet's Children's Integrated Therapies Service, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy.

A new provider has been selected to run Barnet's Children's Integrated Therapies Service, Occupational Therapy (OT), Physiotherapy (PT) and Speech and Language Therapy (SLT),

From September 1st 2018 North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) will provide Integrated Children's Therapy services (OT, PT and SLT).

The contract has been awarded following a competitive tendering process. It was carried out jointly by NHS Barnet CCG and the London Borough of Barnet.

The priority of both organisations was to secure the best possible service for Barnet children, young people and their families. NELFT has been appointed following a comprehensive procurement which saw each bid evaluated against a range of criteria which focused heavily on the quality of service which will be provided and how the provider will engage and involve children, young people and their families in their health care.

Bids were evaluated against a variety of criteria, including quality of service and value for money, by a multi-disciplinary panel of staff from the CCG and LBB, as well as a parent/ carer, young person and headteacher.

NELFT deliver services across London, Essex and Kent and their successful bid will see an integration of the services and provide services to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) up to 25 years old where appropriate.

The service will provide an outcomes-based approach to delivering integrated therapy services for children and young people which has been developed in line with both national policy and legislation. The provider will lead pathway development to ensure a smooth journey for children and young people.

In selecting a new provider, both organisations have worked with our local community to deliver a truly joined-up, seamless accessible service that will deliver value for money and meet people's needs. This is designed to improve the overall of health of children, young people and their families in Barnet.

All of the organisations involved will work closely together in the run up to early September to make sure that the service transfers smoothly without disruption for our children and young people.