

## Children's Occupational Therapy Service

# Early Years Red Flags



### **Motor red flags:**

- Very floppy, poor head control
- Jerky or twitchy movements
- Not sitting by 8 months (corrected for gestational age) – within context of other skills
- Not walking by 18 months (corrected for gestational age) - within context of other skills
- Early asymmetry of hand function (hand preference before 1 year gestational age).
- Walks/stands on tiptoes and seems unable to weight bear on flat foot
- Asymmetry of movements or posture
- Abnormalities of tone (hypotonia, spasticity or dystonia)
- Regression or Stagnation (Any loss of skills)

### **Sensory:**

Babies and children may respond with negative behaviours, crying withdrawal when they are confronted with every day activities such as; dressing, bathing, play, loud noises