

Criteria for the Communication and Social Interaction Difficulties Group (CoSI) and CoSI Outreach Support Service at the Child Development Centre

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Following Multi-Disciplinary Assessment (MDA) at The Child Development Centre children will be referred to the **CoSI group or for outreach support** if they have received a diagnosis of **autism**.

The Consultant Paediatricians can refer children to the **CoSI Services** directly, following a diagnosis of autism.

Children are eligible for **CoSI Service** in the school term either following their third birthday or in the school term in which they are three.

For children under the age of three years, referral to **Portage** will be considered in the first instance, prior to referral to **CoSI Service**.

Children can remain within **CoSI Service** until they transition into school.

Liaison with other services involved in supporting the child and their family will be a priority.