

Special Child Care Centre (SCCC)

Introduction

SCCC provides centre-based intensive training and care for moderately and severely disabled pre-school children.

Purpose and objectives

The aim of SCCC is to develop the abilities of disabled children to the fullest extent so as to establish a firm foundation for subsequent education and development.

Nature of service

SCCC provides a range of services for disabled children. The following services are included:

- (a) Developmental assessment and individualised educational programmes
Each child is assessed upon admission and periodically thereafter. The results of the developmental assessment are used to plan an individualised training programme which sets learning goals for each child.
- (b) Centre-based individual and group training
The child attends centre-based training programmes five days a week. The programmes aim to maximise each child's developmental functioning. Occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech therapy services are provided.
- (c) Daily child care services
Child care services are provided to enable the child to benefit from training programmes. Parental support and education are part of the Centre's work. Transport to the centre is made available and a fee is charged for use of this service.

Target group

The target group is moderately and severely disabled pre-school children from 2 to 6 years of age.

Eligibility criteria

SCCC is open to those children who:

- do not require constant medical care in hospital;
- cannot benefit from the integrated programmes in mainstream child care centres;
- are not attending an EETC programme; and
- assessed as experiencing one or more of the following:
 - moderate or severe mental handicap
 - moderate or severe physical handicap
 - deafness or severe to profound hearing impairment
 - blindness or severe visual impairment
 - severe behavioural/emotional problems, hyperactive disposition or autistic disorder

Referral channel

Referrals can be made by medical social workers, family caseworkers or via them by child assessment clinics, paediatric department of general hospitals, private practitioners of relevant specialties and pre-school rehabilitation centres to the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services – Subsystem for Disabled Pre-schoolers.