

Ryan's story May 2023

Service name: Play Intervention Service

Main purpose of service: Working together with families and children's therapy. Organising and implementing fun play activities to support a child's development.

Meet Ryan!

Ryan is 3 years old and has a diagnosis of 'Global Developmental Delay' (GDD) and epilepsy and is on medication for seizures. His mum Tiffany says, **"I knew that he wasn't doing what he should – from 9 months old he wasn't attempting anything new."** The NHS describe GDD as a term used when children are significantly delayed in their cognitive and physical development. For more information on Global Development Delay See the Mencap website: [What Is Global Development Delay? Find Out More | Mencap](#) Ryan is nonverbal and can walk short distances.

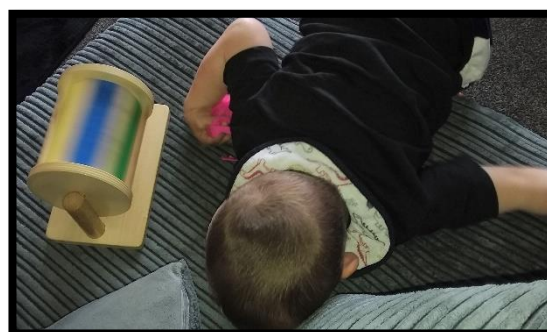


Time to play!

Ryan was referred to Locala's Play Intervention Service and has had six sessions with Jodie, three at the 'Children's Development Centre' and three at home. Tiffany says, **"It was good that some of the sessions were at home – it really helped. Jodie got more out of him here."**

Progress!

Tiffany says that Ryan enjoyed the play sessions. **"I had to buy the same toy for his birthday as he loved Jodie's so much!"** She has noticed a difference in her son. **"He wants to play more. He acknowledges his brother more and copies him. Before the sessions, he wouldn't interact with him. He brings toys to us now to play with. He's taking things in more. It's broadened things for him. He's doing stuff he's never done before. He's daring to do new things."**



Tiffany is positive about working with Jodie. **"It's helped me know what to do. She's brilliant. I wish I could be as enthusiastic as she is!"**

Tiffany gives full consent for sharing Ryan's patient story and talked with Joanne Vaughan from Locala's Engagement Team on 19.5.23.



