

Framework for meaningful participation in inclusive sport for children and young people (CYP) with neurodisability

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Background

- CYP with complex neurodisability often experience restrictions to participate in sports.
- Inclusive sports are often targeted to individuals with less complex disabilities.
- Participation opportunities do not always create meaningful experiences for CYP with complex neurodisability.

Results

- Framework provided concrete guidance for the MDT to ensure participation in sports was meaningful.
- SCORE enabled practitioners to integrate inclusive sports within the 24-hour curriculum.
- MDT reflected on implementation strategies for practice including task repetition, modification, processing time, preparation, physical accessibility, social interaction and competition.

SCORE framework: creates individual participation profiles encompassing 5 key domains.

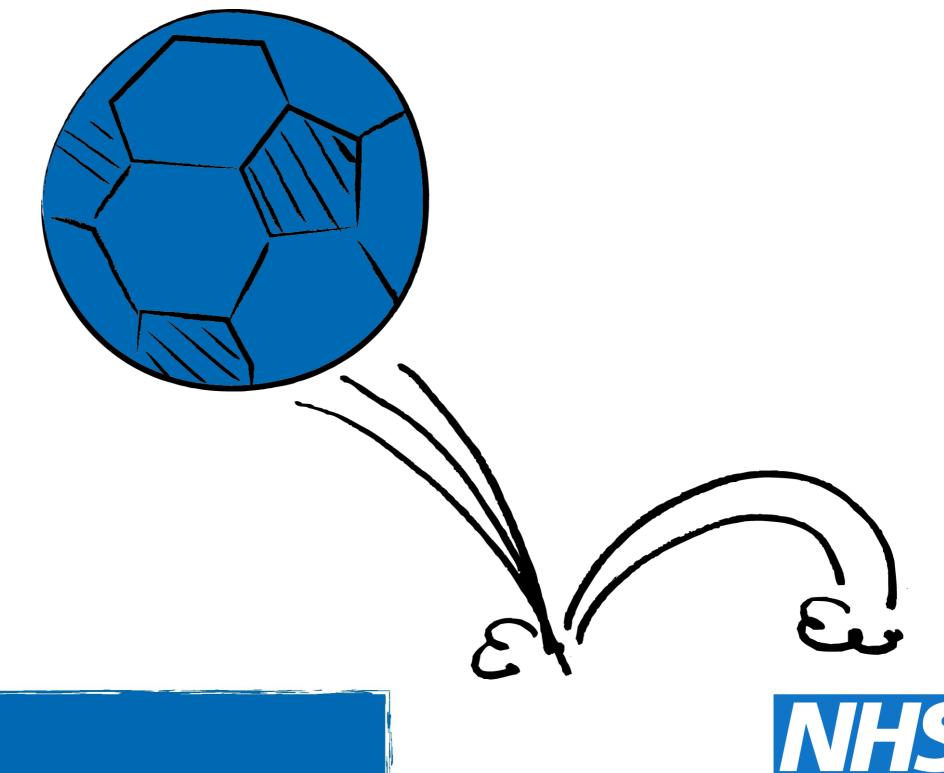
- Setting: environmental modifications.
- Content: task adaptation and multisensory requirements.
- O Orientation: preparation for engagement.
- Repetition: cognitive/ communication strategies for task comprehension and execution.
- E Engagement: active participation.

Aim

To develop a framework that supports meaningful participation in inclusive sport as part of a physical education curriculum within a specialist school

Methods

- The project was carried out in 3 stages by a multidisciplinary team (MDT) of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, teachers and an inclusive sports coach.
 - 1. Initial design and implementation of an inclusive sports programme.
 - 2. After 2 academic terms of implementation, feedback was collated and a SCORE framework was designed to provide structure to sports programming and help integrate it into a physical education curriculum.
 - 3. Over 1 term, training was carried out and participation profiles completed by the MDT with class for implementation.



Conclusions

- Findings promote implementation principles when introducing an innovative framework to embed inclusive sports in a physical education curriculum.
- MDT working increases opportunities for CYP with complex neurodisability to participate meaningfully in sports.



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