Calderdale and Huddersfield

Children's Therapy Services

Stretching and Positioning for Left Sternocleidomas-toid Torticollis



Stretching

- 1. For the following stretching exercises, the parent sits with the back against the wall and knees bent.
- 2. Place the child in your lap, with the child on her back and knees tucked.





Sidebending

- 1. Hold the child's **LEFT** shoulder down with your **RIGHT** hand.
- 2. Place your **LEFT** hand on top of the **LEFT** side of the child's head, and slowly bend her head towards her **RIGHT** shoulder.
- 3. Hold the position for 20-30 seconds. Repeat 3 times at every nappy change.

Rotation

Starting Position: Position your child's head in midline or slightly to the **RIGHT**.

- 1. Place your **LEFT** forearm against the child's **RIGHT** shoulder, and cup the child's head with the same hand.
- 2. Use your **RIGHT** hand to hold the child's chin.
- 3. Slowly rotate the child's face to her LEFT.
- 4. Hold the position for 20-30 seconds. Repeat 3 times, at every nappy change.







Carrying

- 1. Hold the child facing away from you, in a side-lying position, with the child's LEFT ear resting against your LEFT forearm.
- 2. Place your **RIGHT** arm between the child's legs and support the child's body.



3. Carry the child in this position as much as possible.

Positioning for a child with a head turning preference to the RIGHT

- 1. Hold toys so that the child has to look up and out to her LEFT.
- 2. Position child in crib so that activities in the room encourage her to look LEFT.
- 3. While bottle feeding the child, position her to face LEFT.
- 4. While holding the baby across the shoulder, position her to face LEFT.
- 5. During tummy time play, position all the toys so the child has to turn her head to each side and look up.
- 6. Try turning your baby's head to the **LEFT** when she is asleep.
- 7. Try not to use the car seat for anything apart from being in the car.

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