

**Ready
Steady Go**
programme

Hello
to children's
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Information for patients, families and carers



We understand that learning that your child has a long-term condition can cause anxiety and be overwhelming.

We have developed the 'Hello to children's services' programme to help support parents and carers who have a child diagnosed with a long-term condition.

Who is it for?

You, if your child has been diagnosed with a long-term condition.

What is it?

A programme to help you gain knowledge and skills to manage your child's condition.

Why?

So you have the knowledge and confidence to manage your child's condition and are supported through the process.

How?

Your child's team will help you:

- **manage** your child's condition
- **learn about** their treatment
- **gain the confidence** to ask questions and be involved in decisions about their care
- know when to get help and **who to contact** in an emergency
- **stay informed** about any support networks available.

Talk to your team about how you feel and any questions or concerns you might have. Information about the programme can be found at

<http://www.uhs.nhs.uk/OurServices/Childhealth/>

[TransitiontoadultcareReadySteadyGo/Hello-to-childrens-services.aspx](http://www.uhs.nhs.uk/OurServices/Childhealth/TransitiontoadultcareReadySteadyGo/Hello-to-childrens-services.aspx)

Ask 3 Questions

There may be choices to make about your healthcare.
Make sure you get the answers to these three questions:*

What are my choices?

How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

What is good and bad about each choice?

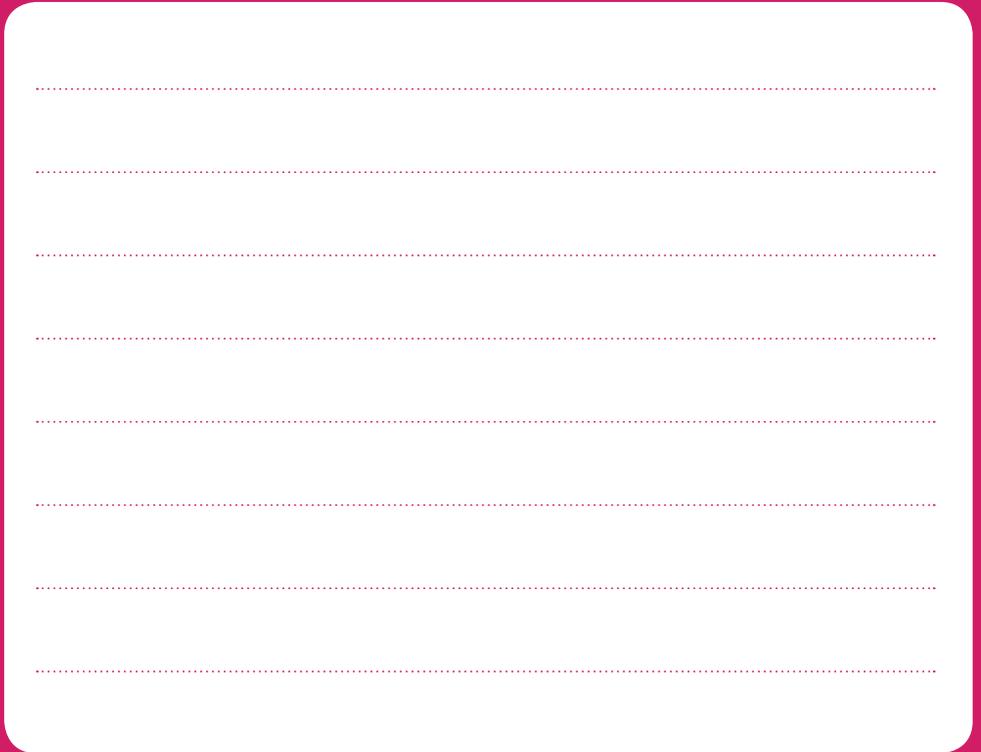


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Your healthcare team needs you to tell them what is important to you.

It's about shared decision making.

You might like to use this section to jot down any questions you have:



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