

Who is it for?

SMS:CONNECT is for all children and young people with long-term health conditions living in Scotland.



What is SMS:CONNECT?



Children's Health Scotland now offers an online Self-Management Service - **SMS:CONNECT** - for children and young people living with long-term health conditions.

Self-Management means improving the relationship you have with your health and wellbeing and building your confidence and self-esteem. By taking part in **SMS:CONNECT** you are taking steps towards increasing your confidence and self-esteem, accessing information, and developing skills that can help you cope better with your health condition.

We are offering an online service that you can connect with at home and that will help you connect with other children and young people with health conditions.

SMS:CONNECT includes two online self-management programmes: one for children aged 10-12, and one for young people aged 13-17. Groups will have between 6 – 10 people and two facilitators work with each group.

Interested?



We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining an **SMS:CONNECT** Programme or you would like more information.

To find out more please contact Laura Smith or complete the online contact form at www.childrenshealthscotland.org/service/smsconnect

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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SMS:CONNECT

A **FREE** online Self-Management Service for children and young people living with long-term health conditions



SMS:CONNECT

Programme

The **SMS:CONNECT** Programme has been developed with the help of children and young people with long-term health conditions.

The Programmes are fun, informal and friendly, and will offer:

- A weekly group session with games, activities and a focus on health and wellbeing
- Opportunities for you to talk with other children and young people online
- Challenges to work on at home
- Lots of information and resources
- An **SMS:CONNECT** coach to support you through the Programme

You can give us ideas for activities and you will get the chance to vote each week.

Where & when?

Online **SMS:CONNECT** Programmes run for six weeks. There will be a weekly schedule of activities and support and we will ask you what days and times work best for you.

SMS:CONNECT will be accessed on a safe, online platform. We will give you your own username and password. If you need to borrow a device from us to go online, we can discuss this with you.

Funding sources

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Why should I attend?

SMS:CONNECT can help you build:



Confidence



Opportunities for
volunteering and peer
mentoring



Coping and
relaxation skills



Access to social
activities

SMS:CONNECT can help you build:



Access to online
support and resources



Friendships and
connections with other
children and young
people



Communication
skills



Self-esteem

SMS:CONNECT

Age 10-12



Age 13-17



Shared Space

