

There are some children that we aren't able to see:

Children whose communication delay in line with their general development

Children who have mild difficulties

Prevention and early advice

If your pre-school child is NOT already known to the service, you can bring them to one of our drop-in clinics.

Further support

If your school-aged child previously used our service, you can make an advice appointment, for up to two years following your child's last appointment.

We assume we can liaise with pre-school/school educational staff, in order to support your child, unless you let us know otherwise.

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Tell us what you think

We want you to be happy with the service you receive from us, but we know that every so often something might go wrong. If you're unhappy with the care you receive or an element of our service, we want to hear from you.

Of course, we also want to hear from you if you're happy with the care you're receiving - it's good to be able to thank the team and let people know they're doing a good job, so if you have a compliment or congratulation, we'd like to hear from you.

If we are unable to resolve your concerns or you would like to take the matter further please contact us.

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What you need to know about our service

Information for parents

Children's
Speech and
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Therapy



Working with



We assess children's

Speech, language and communication skills

Eating and drinking (swallowing) skills

We involve parents and other professionals by helping them to develop children's skills.

If your child needs our support we will discuss the choices we can offer.

We consider:

How old they are

The severity of their communication difficulty

What can be achieved with our support

This applies equally to children with or without Statements of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

New referrals to our service

If your child is pre-school or primary school-age, they can be referred to us.

If your child is at secondary school, we will consider their referral on an individual basis.

Some children may be prioritised such as if they have a swallowing disorder, are known to social care or have recently developed a communication disorder.

First appointment

At your child's first appointment we will find out more about their speech and language development and current skills. We do this through talk and play and may use some more formal assessments.

We will discuss our observations and plan with you the best way to help your child. With your consent we will talk to other people involved in your child's care (e.g. pre-school and school) about ways they can help too.

If you would prefer to talk to the therapist without your child in the room you may like to bring someone with you who can be with your child in the waiting area while this happens.

If your child needs follow-up appointments

Progress will be reviewed in discussion with you and your child's pre-school or school.

Further advice for home and pre-school or school may be agreed.

Other options to support your child may be discussed.

Your child may be discharged with recommendations.

All children known to the service are discharged by the end of Year 7

However, in exceptional circumstances:

Children in Year 8 or above can be accepted for an assessment and advice and will then be discharged with recommendations.

Children in Year 8 or above who are already known to the service and who attend a Special Educational Needs provision may continue to receive targeted support.