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An information guide
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Your child has been referred to the Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT) as part of their assessment by the Community Paediatric Service (CPS)

This is an assessment and advisory service for children aged 0 to 5 years.

We are part of the CPS team of professionals who are carrying out an assessment of your child’s needs. The assessment will take place in the home or preschool.

The therapist will consider all aspects of your child’s development when assessing his/her communication skills.

They will assess the following aspects of communication:

- ✓ - Attention skills.
- ✓ - How your child understands.
- ✓ - How your child communicates.
- ✓ - Interaction skills.
- ✓ - Play.

All of these factors affect your child’s ability to interact and communicate with others.
What happens when my child’s speech, language and communication needs have been identified?

We will provide specific advice that will help you and preschool staff to develop your child’s communication skills.

This advice will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. We may also provide specific training to you and staff at your child’s preschool that will support your child’s communication development.

The therapist may also work with other professionals involved with your child.

Consent

We will ensure that we have your consent before we assess or provide treatment for your child.
Patient advice and liaison service

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) acts on behalf of service users, families, and carers to negotiate prompt solutions and help bring about changes in the way that services are developed.

As well as providing a confidential advice and support service, PALS will help guide you through the different services available from the NHS.

**Telephone:** 0161 604 5897  
**Email:** pals@pat.nhs.uk.

Alternatively, you can write to: PALS, IM&T Building, North Manchester General Hospital, Delaunays Road, Crumpsall, M8 5RB.

Comments and complaints

We want to learn from comments and complaints about our services. If you have any, please speak with a member of staff. Every effort will be made to resolve any concerns and complaining will not cause any difficulties in your care with us.

You can also contact our Complaints Department via post at:  
Complaints Department, IM&T Building, North Manchester General Hospital, Delaunays Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5RB

**E-mail:** complaintsoffice.trust@pat.nhs.uk  
**Telephone:** 0161 604 5800
Contact us

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For general enquiries please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0161 604 5897

For enquiries regarding clinic appointments, clinical care and treatment please contact 0161 624 0420 and the Switchboard Operator will put you through to the correct department / service

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