

Children's Speech and Language Therapy for School Aged Children

An information guide



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Your child has been referred for an assessment by our speech and language therapists.

This is an assessment and advisory service for school aged children and young people.

The assessment usually takes place in either a clinic, at home, or at school.

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.
- ✓ - How clear is your child's speech.
- ✓ - Interaction skills.
- ✓ - Social communication skills.

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, targets and strategies that will help you and the school staff who support your child to develop your child's language and communication skills, or ensure they are able to communicate to the best of their ability.

The therapist may also work jointly with other services that work with your child.

Our service aims to enable the adults in the young person's environment to support their communication needs independently.

We work together to set joint targets and we provide training on specific strategies.

Discharge

Discharge from the speech and language therapy service happens when:

- School/home settings have the knowledge, confidence and skills to support the child's communication skills independently of the speech and language therapy service.

We welcome re-referrals if the young person's language and or communication needs change following discharge.

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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Notes:

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service

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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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