



### Patient records

Speech and Language Therapists caring for your child / young person keep records about the treatment you receive from our service. As part of this, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust uses an electronic system that records information about your child / young person. We use the system to record and share information about contacts that we have with you and your child / young person. Information may be shared with other Health Care professionals involved.

If you do not want information on the system to be shared with other health professionals please contact speech and language therapy using the details below.

### Contact us

Speech and Language Therapy Service  
St Mary's Hospital, Green Hill Road, Armley, Leeds LS12 3QE  
Tel: 0113 305 5309  
[www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt](http://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt)

### Sources of further information

- [www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk)
- [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk)
- [www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)
- [www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)
- [www.rcslt.org](http://www.rcslt.org)
- [www.stammering.org](http://www.stammering.org)

### Help us get it right

If you have a complaint, concern, comment or compliment, please let us know by speaking to a member of staff at your health centre or clinic. We use your feedback to improve and develop our services.

You can also call the **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)**. PALS provides non-medical advice and information about local NHS services. Call **0113 220 8585** (an answer machine is available out of hours) or email [Ich.pals@nhs.net](mailto:Ich.pals@nhs.net)

**We can make this information available in Braille, large print, audio or other languages on request.**

# About Children's Speech and Language Therapy in Leeds



**Information for Parents and Carers**

Produced by The Leeds Speech and Language Therapy Service  
Building communication skills for life

You have given consent for your child / young person to be referred for speech and language therapy.

A speech and language therapist will look at the referral form and decide if your child / young person needs to be offered an appointment.

If your child / young person does need an appointment, this will take place either in a health centre or school. A screening assessment will be offered and then your child / young person will be put into one of the following pathways.

### Universal Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)

- Children / young people with mildly delayed speech and / or language skills.
- You will be offered advice.
- You will be offered training.
- Training will also be available for staff working with your child / young person in a setting, such as nursery or school.

### Associated SLCN

- Children / young people with a secondary speech and language difficulty as a result of another primary condition, e.g. developmental delay, learning difficulties, autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome.
- You and staff working with your child / young person will be offered advice.
- You will be offered training.
- Training will also be available from our training brochure to support staff.
- Following training, we will offer a complex report and recommendations.



### Associated plus SLCN

- If your child / young person needs more intensive input from a speech and language therapist following the training sessions you may be offered a set number of appointments to work on a specific target.
- This may focus on the child / young person's communication and / or feeding and swallowing difficulties.

### Specific SLCN

- Children / young people who have a primary speech and language difficulty (e.g. pronunciation difficulties, without any other medical conditions).
- You and staff working with your child / young person will be offered advice.
- You will be offered training.
- Training will also be available from our training brochure to support staff.
- Following training, we will offer a modelling / coaching session for the person carrying out the programme.

### Specific plus SLCN

- If your child / young person needs more intensive input from a speech and language therapist following the training sessions, you may be offered a set number of appointments to work on a specific target.

### Being discharged

Once your child / young person has completed a pathway, he or she will be discharged and can be re-referred if or when required, or if his or her needs change.

### Students

Your child / young person may be seen by a speech and language therapy student under the supervision of the speech and language therapist. If you do not wish this to happen you should contact the speech and language therapist.