

# Speech and Language Difficulties



## What can the Speech and Language therapy team support?

The aim of the service is to provide an assessment, diagnostic, treatment and advisory service to children with speech, language and communication difficulties, helping them to make the most of their communication potential.

- Language difficulties
- Speech sound problems
- Voice disorders
- A stammer
- Swallowing difficulties

## What therapy could be available?

There are a wide range of services available, appropriate to the needs of the individuals referred, including:

- Individual assessment
- Personal treatment programme
- Treatment programmes to be carried out by support workers e.g. assistants in schools, group therapy sessions for children and families/carers
- Intensive therapy sessions
- Advice, support and training to other professionals and carers

## How can therapy be provided?

There are a number of different ways to provide Therapy:

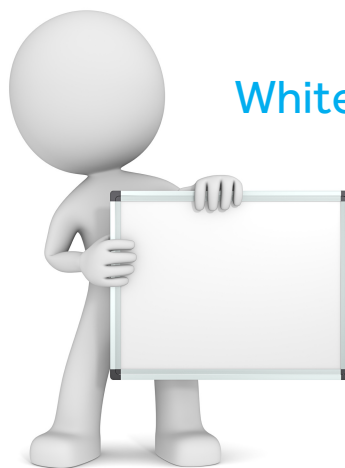
- parent sessions to help them develop their own child's communication skills
- language or speech groups
- individual programmes for clinic, home, early years or education settings
- therapy directly from a Speech and Language Therapist or a trained speech and language assistant or teaching assistant, following a programme set by the therapist

## Potential methods to support communication and language development:

Makaton



Whiteboards



Real photos



Symbols



Drawing

## How to access the Early Years Speech and Language Pilot:

The Early Years Speech and Language Therapy service are running a pilot project between 18th January and 31st March 2021 offering telephone advice appointments for parents and carers who have concerns about their child's speech, language and communication development. For children aged 0-5 including reception year at school.

Telephone Drop In Sessions will be held every Tuesday and Friday, 09:00 - 14:30. You'll get the opportunity to chat to one of our Speech and Language Therapists about your child's speech, language and communication.

To book an appointment, please ring 0300 125 6710 on a Monday, between 09:00 - 15:30.



### Who to contact:

Principal Speech and Language Therapist

Telephone 0300 125 6710

Website [Community Children's Health Partnership website](https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/childrens-speech-language-therapy/services-north-somerset)

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