



**Children's Therapy Services**

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**What to do if you are concerned about your child's  
speech language or communication skills.**

**Pre-school children:**

The health visiting team carry out checks at 2 to 2 ½ years so you can tell them any concerns at this check. But you can also talk to your Health Visitor or Nursery Staff at any time.

If you are concerned about your child's skills in more areas than just communication call your health visitor for advice and they can make referrals to any service they feel appropriate.

Parents can call the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Department directly on ☎ 0161 426 5200 for advice about their concerns if required.

**School age children:**

Raise your concerns with school teacher or school special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo). They will then ask you to sign a permission form for them to discuss your child with the speech and language therapist. The therapist will then advise school of activities to try or if required to make a referral to the Speech and Language Therapy Department

Parents can contact the school therapist directly if required on ☎ 0161 426 5200.

**What will happen next?**

Depending on the difficulties your child is having:

- You may be asked to carry out activities with your own child.
- Your child may be offered support from the health visiting team, school or nursery staff. The SLT can offer further advice as needed.
- Your child may be taken on by the speech and language therapy team and offered a range of therapy such as group sessions, individual sessions with the speech and language therapist or assistant therapist. They may be given a programme of activities that school support staff would carry out with them and the SLT would see them again to review their progress and update the programme.

The Speech and Language Therapy service offers direct therapy to children with the most severe difficulties. Please see the criteria for the list of children who would be taken onto the Speech and Language Therapy Service



Speech and Language  
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(SaLT/SLT)  
Criteria

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The Speech and Language Therapy Service will take referrals to assess children's speech, language, communication and swallowing. The service is funded by NHS Stockport to provide therapy after assessment to children who have a Stockport GP, or their GP is on the contract list and who meet the following the criteria:-

- **Pre-school** children with severe speech or language delay including stammering. Severe usually means children with a delay in their language of over 12 months. If a child is stammering they should be referred immediately.
- Children showing signs of being selective mute. These children should be referred immediately.
- Children with complex social communication needs including Autism Spectrum Conditions. These children will be seen for specific work on social and conversational communication skills providing no other service can meet the child's communication needs.
- Children with language delay or disorder which is so severe they have a statement of special educational need where Speech and Language Therapy is defined in part 3 of their statement.
- School age children with severe **speech sound** difficulties including stammering. A child would have at least two sounds that they are mixing up which would be expected to be in place for their age. If a child is stammering they should be referred immediately.
- Children with feeding and swallowing difficulties, referrals would be to the Speech and Language therapist at the Child Development Unit, Stepping Hill Hospital.

If you have concerns about this criteria please contact NHS Stockport, Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and Complaints, 7th Floor Regent House, Heaton Lane, Stockport 0161 426 5631.

Alternatively Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and Complaints can be contacted by email: [sto-pct.customercare.nhs.net](mailto:sto-pct.customercare.nhs.net)



  
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