

# Children’s Speech and Language Therapy in North East Lincolnshire – Our School Age Service



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Who to contact and how: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Who is the service for?

Our NHS school age service is for young people aged 5 to 17 years who have speech, language and communication needs or a feeding and swallowing difficulty. Children can be referred to our NHS service by parents, school, GP, School Nurse, consultant or other professional. Children in key stage 2 or above require cognitive/learning information to be provided alongside the referral e.g. school report, report from Specialist Advisory Service or from Educational Psychologist. Further guidance about making a referral is available at the end of this leaflet – Appendix One.

Please note we are only commissioned to see children who are registered with a North East Lincolnshire GP. Children who live or attend school outside of our area, but who have a North East Lincolnshire GP, will be offered clinic based appointments.

## What to expect:

Children receive an initial assessment in clinic with a registered Speech and Language Therapist within four weeks of referral. Following that initial assessment we will work with you to agree a plan of care for your child. We will provide a written care plan to home and school. Your child will be discharged if they do not currently require speech and language therapy intervention, see below.

## Children / Young People may Require Speech and Language Therapy if:

1. They have ongoing, persistent speech and language difficulties where there is no known condition or syndrome (Developmental Language Disorder)
2. They have limited use of grammar and sentence structures
3. They have difficulties understanding language
4. Their language skills are more than 18 months below their learning levels
5. They have word finding difficulties
6. They have speech sound difficulties
7. They have a stammer
8. They have difficulties with eating and drinking
9. There are signs of 'Selective Mutism' e.g. not talking at school after 6 months of attending

## You don't need to be Seen by a Speech and Language Therapist if:

1. Your child is learning English as an additional language and your child is developing normally in their first language
2. Your child's difficulties are due to limited attention and listening skills or behaviour difficulties

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3. If your child has a known condition or syndrome e.g. Downs Syndrome, Autism, but does not have specific speech and language difficulties
4. If your child has limited food preferences
5. If your child has social communication difficulties
6. Your child's speech and language development is in line with their learning levels

### Children with an Education and Health Care Plan

If your child has specific speech and language targets on their Education and Health care plan we will provide intervention for your child in their Educational setting. We provide updated information for the Local Authority as part of the Education and Health Care plan process.

For further information about Education and Health Care plans in North East Lincolnshire please follow the web link. <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-and-local-offer/education-health-care-plan/>

### What will happen next?

If speech and language therapy intervention is required, you and your child will be offered therapy sessions, either with a Speech and Language Therapist or a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. These sessions usually take place in clinic. This may involve:

- A one off demonstration session to deliver a pack of work for you or the school to carry out
- A workbook for home or school
- Weekly / fortnightly speech therapy sessions with you and your child. This will be for a set period of time with specific targets. This may be offered as individual or group sessions

### Your child will be discharged from our service when:

- Your child's speech and language skills are following normal developmental patterns or are within the normal range for their age/developmental level.
- Your child's speech and language skills are in line with their general development and learning.
- Speech and language is not your child's current primary need e.g. if the referral is relating to behaviour, social communication, attention and listening.
- Advice and support have been given and you can continue with strategies and activities at home and/or school. We will advise you to refer your child again if they need further intervention.
- Support strategies are already in place and there is no current evidence about how this is being implemented.
- Your child does not yet have sufficient attention or self-awareness/motivation for therapy at this time.

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- Functional communication has been achieved.
- You do not bring your child for their appointments

Please note: We do not offer a service for children with hearing impairment, where hearing is not aided to normal hearing thresholds.

## Contact Number

Children's Speech and Language Therapy can be contacted on telephone 03033 303758.

[www.nlg.nhs.uk/services/childrens-speech-language/](http://www.nlg.nhs.uk/services/childrens-speech-language/)

## Any Comments, Compliments, Concerns or Complaints

If you have any other concerns please talk to your nurse, therapist or doctor. Our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) is available on 03033 306518 (Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Goole). You can also contact [nlg-tr.PALS@nhs.net](mailto:nlg-tr.PALS@nhs.net)

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## Alternative Languages

All of our leaflets are available to view in different languages via Browsealoud on our website at [www.nlg.nhs.uk/patients/patient-leaflets/](http://www.nlg.nhs.uk/patients/patient-leaflets/)

Toate pliantele noastre sunt disponibile pentru a fi vizualizate în diferite limbi prin intermediul Browaloud pe site-ul nostru, la [www.nlg.nhs.uk/patients/patient-leaflets/](http://www.nlg.nhs.uk/patients/patient-leaflets/)

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## Appendix One:

### Referral guidance for school aged children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) (5-17 years) \*referrals can be completed by parent's / carers and professionals

