

Functional Communication Pathway

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Community and Therapy Services in North East Lincolnshire

**This leaflet has been designed to
give you important information
and to answer some common
queries you may have.**

Information for parents and carers

Introduction

This leaflet aims to give parents / carers information about what to expect when your child is transferred to the functional communication pathway (FCP).

What to Expect

The functional communication pathway is a package of care for children who currently have no effective method of communication; this means that they don't have the words to let you, and other people around them, know their needs and wants.

The aim of this pathway is to find a way for these children to communicate to those around them. This might be through:

- Signing (Makaton)
- Communication books
- Symbols
- Talking

This package of intervention lasts for up to three school terms:

- Up to three visits from a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, usually to your child's nursery / pre-school if they are in one
- A telephone call to you after the visit to talk about how it went and to talk about how things are going at home
- Up to four visits from a Therapy Assistant. These may be to nursery or to your home

What happens after this?

Children will usually be discharged from Speech and Language Therapy at the end of this period. This will be discussed with you by your Therapist.

Contact Details for Further Information

If you require further information, please contact the Children's Therapy department on:
03033 303758



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Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service offers confidential advice, support and information on any health related matters.

If you have a comment, concern, complaint or compliment about the care or service you have received from the Trust you can contact the PALS team as follows:

Telephone: 03033 306518

Email: nlq-tr.PALS@nhs.net

There are also offices at both the Diana Princess of Wales Hospital (near the main entrance) and Scunthorpe General Hospital (on the C Floor, near the outpatient department), should you wish to visit.

Please note: PALS should not be contacted for clinical advice relating to the content of this leaflet. The service should be contacted directly in the first instance.

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