

For general information on communication development, the following websites may be useful:-

TALKING POINT www.talkingpoint.org.uk
TALK TO YOUR BABY www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk
AFASIC www.afasic.org.uk
I CAN www.ican.org.uk

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SPEECH - LANGUAGE THERAPISTS
www.rcslt.org.uk

THE COMMUNICATION TRUST -
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk

Other useful contact numbers:-

Family Information Service,
Westox House,
1, Trinity Road, Dudley,
DY1 1JQ

Tel: 01384 814398
<http://fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd>

Dudley SEND information, advice and support service
Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road,
Netherton,
Dudley
DY2 9LY
Tel: 01384 236677

Feedback

PALS (Patient Advice & Liaison Service)
Tel: 03301239225

You can also leave us feedback via our website using our online feedback form at www.bcpft.nhs.uk/friendsandfamilytest or download the 'mi experience' app available in all app stores.



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Information Leaflet



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What is Speech & Language Therapy?

Speech & Language Therapists identify and support children and young people with a range of communication difficulties. These might include:-

- Difficulty understanding spoken language
- Being late in starting to talk
- Difficulty putting sentences together
- Difficulty using language appropriately with others
- Unclear speech
- Stammering/stuttering
- Voice problems, e.g. having a hoarse voice
- Eating and drinking difficulties / swallowing problems

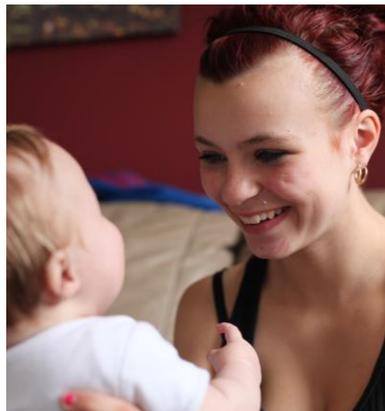
These difficulties may be part of delayed development, learning difficulties, hearing impairment or physical difficulties, e.g. cleft palate. However, for many children there is no apparent reason why they are having communication difficulties.

How do Speech & Language Therapists work?

The Speech and Language Therapist will fully assess the child's speech, language and communication skills and a plan will be agreed to support the child's communication needs.

Speech and Language Therapists work very closely with parents and carers, nursery and school staff and anyone closely involved with the child.

Interpreters are routinely provided when needed.



Where do we work?

Children are seen in the best place to suit individuals which may be in children's centres, local clinics, nurseries and schools. A few children will be seen in hospital or at home, if required.

How to refer

The Speech and Language Therapy service has an open referral system. This means that anyone (including parents) is able to refer a child to the Service by contacting the Speech and Language Therapy department at:

**Brierley Hill Health & Social Care Centre,
Venture Way,
Brierley Hill,
DY5 1RU**

Telephone: 01384 321375

E mail: bcpft.PaediatricSLT@nhs.net

Parental consent must be obtained prior to referral.

