

How to refer:

If you think your child needs to see a speech and language therapist, you can:

- talk to your teacher of the deaf, audiologist, GP or paediatrician. They can make a referral for you.
- refer yourself by contacting our admin team. They will post you a referral form. Please contact your local SLT admin base:

Abingdon Community Hospital

Marcham Road, Abingdon
Oxon OX14 1AG
Tel: 01865 904 114

Orchard Health Centre

Cope Road, Banbury
Oxon OX16 2EZ
Tel: 01865 904 716

East Oxford Health Centre

Manzil Way, Oxford
OX4 1XD
Tel: 01865 904 537

oxonchildrens.therapies@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

If your child has a cochlear implant, you will see a SLT from the cochlear implant programme. They can offer regular appointments at the John Radcliffe during the first year post-implant. They will also talk to you about referral to our service.

If you need the information in another language or format please ask us

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Warneford Hospital
Warneford Lane
Headington
Oxford OX3 7JX

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Speech and language therapy

Speech and
language therapy
service for deaf
children

What is speech and language therapy?

Speech and language therapy aims to help each child develop communication skills to their full potential.

This may include:

- receptive language (what your child understands)
- expressive language (what your child says or signs)
- speech skills (how your child pronounces words)
- interaction skills (how your child uses language socially)

In the early years, speech and language therapy is most effective when therapists work with parents to help their child's communication skills in everyday life.

Your child's speech and language therapist will also work closely with other professionals involved with your family, in particular your child's teacher of the deaf.

Whatever communication choices you make for your child, speech and language therapy may be able to help your child to further develop their communication skills.

What can speech and language therapy offer?

Assessment: This can be formal or informal. Informal assessments use observations of your child playing and interacting. Most assessments involve asking you and their teacher (if your child attends school or nursery) for information. Formal assessments use standard tests to compare your child's development to that of other children, or are used to provide a description of your child's overall communication skills.

Reports: We write reports describing the finding of our assessments and interventions. You will always receive copies of these reports. With your consent, we will share these reports with other professionals working with your child.

Support: Intervention offered considers many factors including your child's needs, age and your wishes. As your child develops the support provided may change. Examples include:

- advice and activities to carry out at home and nursery or at school.
- regular review visits to monitor progress and update activities.
- blocks of therapy working on specific targets. We work with parents and teaching staff so that they are able to carry out these activities.

The speech and language therapy deafness service

All speech and language therapists (SLTs) are specialists in children's language and communication development, the difficulties that arise and how to help.

In Oxfordshire, we have an outreach team of specialist SLTs who have specific skills and experience working with deaf children.

We also have strong links with the Oxford cochlear implant team at the John Radcliffe Hospital, including their speech and language therapy service for children with cochlear implants.

Specialist SLTs in deafness generally work with children who have severe or profound hearing losses. They may also support your local SLT if your child has a moderate or mild hearing loss.

We visit children at the following locations:

- home
- pre-school or nursery
- mainstream schools
- hearing impaired resource bases at Rush Common, Larkmead, New Marston and Cherwell schools.