

How long will my child need this service?

A child will be seen based on their level of need and potential to improve. We use various tools to assess and monitor your child's progress. Discharge will be carefully planned in advance and is seen as a positive outcome.

However, we know that that a child's needs may change over time and a re-referral to our service may be appropriate at various points throughout their school life.

How to contact us

There are members of our team based at special schools and who are employed by Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership. The therapists will be happy to talk to you about your child's communication or eating/drinking and answer any questions you may have.

School:

Name of therapists:

Or you can contact the Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Service at:

Flat 50, ME Block, Residences

Leighton Hospital

Middlewich Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 4QJ

Direct Line: 01270 278310

E-mail: tmc-tr.ccicptherapyservices@nhs.net

This information is available in audio, Braille, large print and other languages. To request a copy, please telephone 01270 278310.

Speech and Language Therapy Provision in Special Schools

Information for parents



Speech and Language Therapy Department

Who are we?

Speech and Language Therapists are specialists in speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders.

What do we do?

We develop a child's speech language and communication through assessment, diagnosis and development of a programme of care for children and young people who have:

- Problems with understanding and using language
- Difficulties with speech sounds
- Communication problems associated with conditions, such as Hearing Impairment, Cleft Palate or Autism
- Problems associated with eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties.

We also:

- Set individualised targets that help communication skills at home and school
- Work directly with pupils where appropriate either individually or in groups
- Train staff to carry out the speech and language therapy programmes
- May carry out class based work to help staff see how best to help your child develop.
- May help develop a whole school environment to develop functional communication
- May provide training and attend meetings

We ensure safe development of a child's eating and drinking potential through:

- Identifying and managing the risks to the child to support safe feeding/eating within a setting
- Make onward referral to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for sensory or behavioural issues around feeding
- Discuss with dietician about your child's adequate nutritional intake

How will speech and language therapy benefit my child?

- It will make a positive impact on your child's confidence, ability to communicate with adults or peers and their personal achievements
- It will improve both the school's and your knowledge and awareness of your child's skills and needs and how best to communicate with your child

How will you be involved?

- We will review all targets and send copies of your child's programme to you and share it with the school
- Where appropriate, we may invite you to training sessions so you can support your child
- We ask you to contact us with any questions about your child's treatment
- We value your support in working on your child's targets at home

How can my child access this service?

- A referral to the service can be made by school, parents and other professionals.
- A referral form can be accessed through the school or on our website: <http://mcht.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/departmentsandservices/community-services/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy/>