

## Speech Therapy Inpatient Services

**General Paediatrics: Differential diagnosis of unidentified, new or chronic feeding difficulties.**

**Paediatric Intensive Care Unit:** Advice and assessment on **suitability to start eating and drinking** and **support communication** during/after **intubation or trauma**, including **tracheostomy**.

**Neonatal Unit:** Proactive **developmental care** intervention supporting **pre-feeding skills** and reading **early communication cues**. Active management of babies with **feeding difficulties** as a result of being born prematurely or other medical conditions.

**Respiratory Ward:** Primarily **diagnostic** assessment and management of **acute or chronic swallowing and or communication difficulties** which may be contributing or compromise chest health, including tracheostomy.

**Gastroenterology Ward:** Proactive management to **reduce orally aversive behaviours** and **promote developmental progression** with speech, language or swallowing for long term hospitalised **tube feeding dependent** children.

**Surgical Ward: Post-operative** support to babies and children restarting oral intake after **trauma or surgery to face or head/neck**. Active **MDT rehabilitation** of children following **brain injury** with acquired speech, language and/or swallowing difficulties.

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Patient information

# Children's Speech & Language Therapy Inpatient Service

We see babies & children on the wards.

To talk to us please contact:

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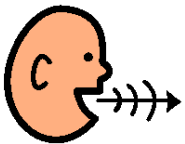
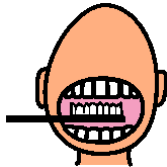
We work Monday to Friday between 8.30am-4.30pm



## Why does my child need to see a Speech and Language Therapist (SLT)?

The **Medical Team** have asked us to see your child for **assessment and support** of;

- Readiness for feeding
- Understanding feeding cues
- Bottle feeding
- Breast feeding
- Eating and drinking
- Talking and understanding language
- Breathing for talking
- Oral Hygiene

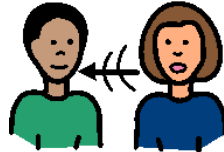


## How can Speech and Language Therapy help?

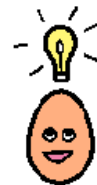
- We are **specialists** in **diagnosing feeding, eating, drinking, voice and communication difficulties**
- We can provide **advice, education and therapy** to support these

## What happens when you see my child?

- We will **talk** to you about **your child's eating, drinking, voice and/or speech** and **observe** your child during these **activities**



- We will **talk to the Medical team** and/or **nursing staff**
- We will **liaise** with your **community team** as needed
- We will try and **answer your questions** and **ensure** that you **understand** the results of our assessment



## What happens next?

We may offer;

- More** assessments
- A **therapy programme** with **strategies** to help
- Further **investigations**

## Other things you should know

- We may wish to contact other professionals involved in your child's care. **Please let us know if there is somebody you do/do not want us to contact.**



## After you leave hospital we will

- Write a summary report** on the Medical Discharge Report
- The **report** will be **sent to you and your GP** by the ward
- Refer** you to your Local Speech and Language Therapy service

