



Shropshire Community Health
NHS Trust

Services for Children and Young People with Language Difficulties



Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin
Allied Health Professions





The slides below provide an overview to clinical staff, local authorities, parent & carer groups, third sector and voluntary organisations, schools, nurseries and parent & carers of current support, signposting, services and treatment available to children (CWS) and young people (YPWS) who have language difficulties across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

The information has been grouped together using the iThrive model, to help provide a clear detail depending on the level of support or treatment the child or young person may need to access.





PREVENTION AND PROMOTION: Skilling up staff, parents, carers, children and young people



Children and Young People with Language Difficulties

- [RADLD | Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder](#)



Developmental Language Disorder is a hidden but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason. The 2023 DLD day theme is *DLD Around the World*, highlighting that DLD occurs in every language **#DLDDAY**

- [Speech and Language UK \(formally known as I CAN\)](#)



We are Speech and Language UK, and we want every child to face the future with confidence. For 1.7 million children in the UK, learning to talk and understand words feels like an impossible hurdle. So we give children and young people the skills they need so they aren't left behind, waiting to be understood.



GETTING ADVICE:

Universal: Signposting, self-management, one off contact or ongoing support

Children and Young People with Language Difficulties

Shropcom NHS Children's Community SLT website -

[Speech & language therapy \(shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk\)](https://shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk)

Shropcom Children's SLT Facebook page

Shropcom SLT advice line (01743 450800)

[Afasic](#)

[Speech and Language UK](#) (formally known as I CAN)

[Hungry Little Minds](#)

[Tiny Happy People](#)

[National Literacy Trust](#)





GETTING HELP:

Targeted Support: Goal focused, evidence-based and outcome focused interventions



Getting help from Shropshire Community Health Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Services to Children and Young People with language difficulties:

- Settings to complete a language screen (e.g. EY Talk Boost/Talk Boost/NELI etc.) to identify those children who may require a referral to SLT.
- Settings to deliver an evidence based language programme by trained staff.
- SLT Advice line – Parents/carers and setting staff can talk over the phone to an SLT to express concerns, seek advice and talk through assessment procedure, interventions and ongoing support – 01743 450800
- Following the triage of a referral, a full language assessment may be offered where appropriate: This consists of a parental case history, and detailed assessment and interview with CYP. Any onward internal and external referrals can be made as required.



GETTING MORE HELP: Specialist Support/Extensive treatment



Early Years

School-Aged

Therapeutic Services to Children and Young People who have language difficulties:

Training Workshops (to upskill key setting staff and parents/carers):

- Using Visual Supports
- Makaton signing
- Attention and Listening
- Understanding Spoken Language- Information Carrying Words
- Early Years Vocabulary and Concepts
- Verbal Reasoning

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- School- Aged Vocabulary and Concepts
- Verbal Reasoning
- Colourful Semantics
- Supporting Narrative Skills
- Memory for Communication

Group Interventions:

- Pre-School Language Group
- Receptive Language Group

Individual Intervention:

Advice and intervention programme for home and setting following on from an initial assessment

Individual Interventions:

- **Outreach Support:** assessment / monitoring by a SALT with therapy programmes delivered by a SALTA or trained TA in school to children who are waiting for more intensive support or whose needs cannot be met by one of the service's packages of care.
- **Speech and Language Therapy Inclusion Service (SALTIS)** - operates across schools in Telford & Wrekin and is funded by the LA. The service is for children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 classes who show significant delay in receptive and/or expressive language. This may include language difficulties which are the most significant part of an overall profile of early childhood developmental disability.
- **Telford Language Classes:** There are two classes operating in Telford and Wrekin. Children with severe developmental language disorder (DLD) can access integrated education and intensive



GETTING RISK SUPPORT: Acute: Risk management and crisis support

- Shropshire/Telford and Wrekin SEND Local Offer



The SEND local offer | Shropshire Council
SEND - Local offer (telfordsend.org.uk)



- Shropshire/Telford and Wrekin IASS (Information Advice and Support Service)-

Shropshire IASS - IASS (iassnetwork.org.uk)
Telford SENDIASS | SENDIASS Telford

- Support For You – Afasic – Confidential helpline for parents/carers of children with speech, language and communication needs.



- BeeU Children’s and Family Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
BeeU :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (mpft.nhs.uk)



The Children’s Society



- The Children’s Society BEAM (Shropshire Telford and Wrekin): Emotional wellbeing service for CYP under 25 years – phone, virtual F2F or drop-in
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