



**Shropshire Community Health**  
NHS Trust

# Services for Children and Young People with Speech Sound Disorders



**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 and young people (CYP) with Speech Sound Disorder (SSD) 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**



## Shropshire Community Health SLT Services to Children and Young People with Speech Sound Disorders:

**Shropshire Speech and Language Therapy Website:** [Speech sounds \(shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk\)](https://shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk/speech-sounds)

**Afasic:** <https://www.afasic.org.uk/>

**Speech and Language UK:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/>

**Stoke Speaks Out:** [Speech and Language Therapy | Stoke Speaks Out | United Kingdom](https://stokespeaksout.org.uk/)

**Speech Link:** [Speech Link | SLCN support \(speechandlanguage.info\)](https://speechlink.org.uk/)

**Hungry Little Minds:** <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

**Tiny Happy people:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

**National Literacy Trust:** <https://literacytrust.org.uk/>



## GETTING HELP:

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



### Shropshire Community Health SLT Services to Children and Young People with Speech Sound Disorders:

**Advice line** – Parents, carers and educational practitioners can talk over the phone to a SLT to express concerns, seek advice and talk through assessment procedure, interventions and ongoing support – 01743 450800.

**Screening Tools** – Parents, carers and educational practitioners can complete the **Mini Speech Screen** and the **Cat and Dog Test** to check on their child’s speech and language development. These screening tools help to inform referral.

**School/Nursery based Language Interventions** – Some children with SSD may also have language difficulties and benefit from language interventions in school/nursery such as **Talk Boost**: [Talk Boost speech and language interventions](#). Educational practitioners can complete the **Talk Boost Tracker** to check on a child’s communication skills. This also helps inform referral.

**Speech Assessment** - Following the triage of a referral, a speech assessment may be offered where appropriate: This consists of a speech sample transcription and analysis, and may be completed directly with a CYP by a SLT and/or by videoed speech samples recorded by parents, carers and educational practitioners. Any onward internal referral can be made as required.



# GETTING MORE HELP: Specialist Support/Extensive treatment



## Preschool

## School-Aged

**Training Packages:** Parents, carers and educational practitioners can attend online training to support children's speech skills –**Teach Speech, Contrastive Pairs** and **Contrastive Pairs Plus**. Parents, carers and educational practitioners can also access other SLT training packages to support children's wider communication skills if needed.

**T-SELG** – Telford Speech and Expressive Language Group:  
Children with Speech Sound Disorder (SSD) receive weekly individual therapy from the SELG team who work collaboratively with parents, carers and educational practitioners. This provision is available to children with a severe level of need in Early Years.

**S-SELG** – Shropshire Speech and Expressive Language Group:  
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**Telford Language Classes:** There are two classes operating in Telford and Wrekin. Children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) or Speech Sound Disorder (SSD) can access integrated education and intensive therapy within a specialist setting each morning, returning to their mainstream school in the afternoon. This provision is available to children with a severe level of need in Reception and Key Stage 1

**SSLIC** - Severe Speech and Language Impaired Children's Team (SSLIC) operating in Shropshire. Children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) or Speech Sound Disorder (SSD) receive individual weekly support from the SSLIC team who work collaboratively with parents, carers and educational practitioners. This provision is available to children with a severe level of need in Reception and Key Stage 1.

**Outreach Support:** assessment / monitoring by a SLT with therapy programmes delivered by a SALTA or trained TA in school to children with a severe level of need who are waiting for more intensive support or whose needs cannot be met by one of the service's packages of care.

### Monitoring:

Parents, carers and educational practitioners can contact SLT services during a 12 week review period following the Contrastive Pairs and Contrastive Pairs Plus training packages and SELG intervention to seek further advice and support. Parents, carers and educational practitioners can re-refer to SLT Services or contact the Advice Line.



## 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 \(telfordsend.org.uk\)](http://telfordsend.org.uk)



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

[Shropshire IASS - IASS \(iassnetwork.org.uk\)](http://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 \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](http://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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