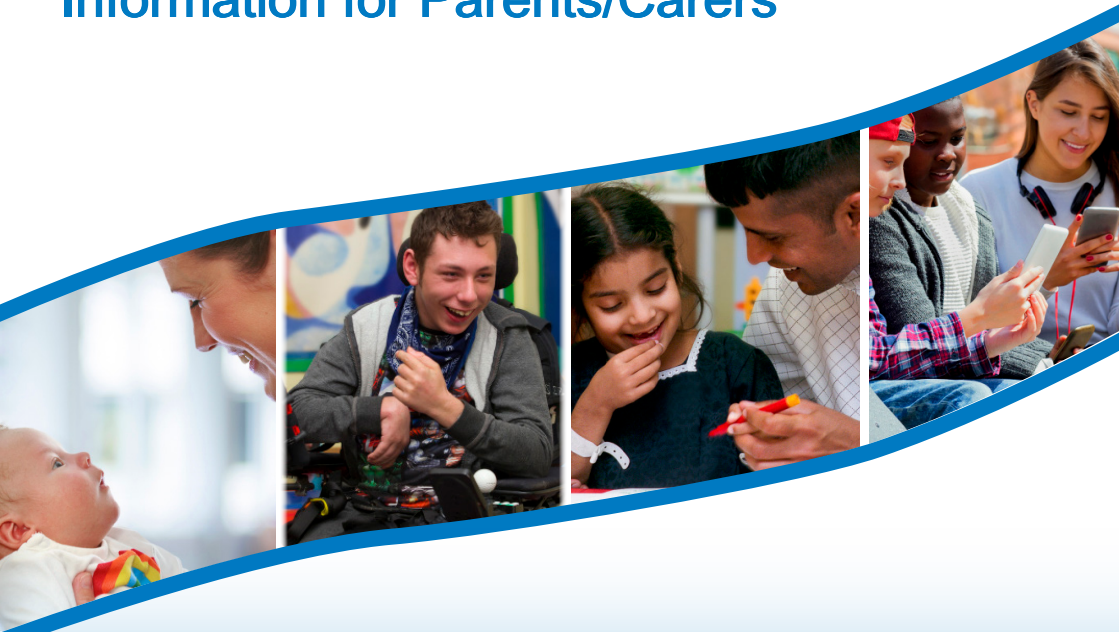


# The Speech and Language Therapy Service for Children with Hearing Impairment/ who are Deaf

## Information for Parents/Carers



The hearing impairment team are a specialist service within the speech and language therapy service for children in Cambridgeshire.

### **Why has my child been referred to speech and language therapy?**

Your child has been referred to us because there are concerns about his/her speech, language and communication development. This may require input from Speech and Language Therapist in addition to the support provided by the Hearing Support Service.

### **What can I expect from speech and language therapy?**

We will assess your child's speech, language and communication needs. We will liaise with your child's Teacher of the Deaf in order to support your child's communication needs. We will also work closely with you and your child's educational setting staff (Teaching Assistant/Key Worker/Class Teacher, etc).

Speech and language therapy is most effectively provided when you and the setting staff work with your child's therapist to develop his/her speech, language and communication skills during everyday life.



**Following assessment, the type of input we offer will vary depending on your child's needs but may include:**

- Written and verbal advice to you and educational setting staff.
- A programme of targets for your child to work towards.
- Visits to home and/or education setting to review progress and update targets.
- Regular individual sessions in your child's setting or in the clinic to target specific speech sounds.
- Group sessions in your child's setting to develop speech and communication skills

**What areas of communication might therapy focus on?**

- Attention and listening.
- Understanding and using spoken language.
- Understanding and using non-verbal communication (e.g. gesture, signing, symbols).
- Speech sounds (listening and production). Interaction skills (using and understanding language in social situations).

**When will my child be discharged from speech and language therapy?**

Your child will be discharged from our service when:

- Speech, language and communication skills are within the range expected for your child's age and ability
- When ongoing progress is best supported through school and home, and speech and language therapy is therefore not needed.

## For further information about this service contact:

Children's Speech and Language Service  
The Peacock Centre  
Brookfield's Campus  
351 Mill Road  
Cambridge  
CB1 3DF

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Other useful websites:

The National Deaf Children's Society - [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)

Pinpoint. For parents by parents - [www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)

If you require this information in a different format such as in large print or on audio tape, or in a different language please contact the service on the details above.

If you have any compliments about this service or suggestions for improvements, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0300 131 1000 (charges may apply depending on your network) or email: [ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net).

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