

# Information for General Practitioners

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## Speech and Language Impairment in Children

The Royal College of General Practitioners has launched an online training course for speech and language impairment.

It is essential for primary care professionals to be able to recognise when a child has significant speech and language impairment, to understand when to refer and to be aware of the impact this can have on the child's development and on the family.

After completing this course, practitioners should:

- Feel confident in recognising speech and learning impairment
- Understand what is typical in terms of speech and language development
- Understand when to refer
- Be aware of common causes of speech and language impairment

[Click here](#) to start your online training about speech and language impairment in children.

The Leeds Speech and Language Therapy Service Guidelines for Referral for Children aged 0-19 years will help to ensure that your referral is appropriate.

The Referral Guidelines can be found on our website [here](#) along with a [referral form](#) which is also available to some GP practices via SystemOne.

## Continence, Urology and Colorectal Service E-Referral Service

The Continence, Urology and Colorectal Service have made some changes to our E-Referral service to streamline the process for the patient and yourselves. The service are pleased to announce that you will be able to use e-referral to book an assessment slot for your patient.

Once the referral appointment has been booked, the referral will be triaged by one of our experienced Clinical Nurse Specialists to ensure our service can offer the optimum treatment required. If at triage, it is felt that the patient's needs cannot be met by our Service, we will cancel the appointment and notify the patient with the advice that they contact your surgery.

An information leaflet is attached, and the service would be grateful if you could give this to your patients when you book the assessment so they know what to expect.

## Leeds Sexual Health Contact Phone Number

Please be aware of the number for GP and Healthcare professionals to call regarding professional enquires and advice regarding patient care: 0113 3920328.

You are also advised the number for patient's is as follows:

- **Appointments:** 0113 3920333
- **Advice:** 0113 3920334

## Revised Speech and Swallowing Service Referral Form

The Speech and Swallowing team have revised their referral form- please find attached. Please also find attached a revised mobility questionnaire.

## The Prescribing of Sodium Chloride

Please can we raise awareness around prescribing of sodium chloride for line flushes following a number of incidents reported by LCH community nurses. Some patients requiring Sodium chloride 0.9% solution for injection for line flushes have been prescribed and dispensed Sodium Chloride 0.9% Irrigation Solution. This only became apparent when the nurse visited to flush the line and was unable to do so because the patient had been supplied with the incorrect product. The community nurses on their part have been reminded to always make it clear which prod-