

## Failure to attend

Your child will be discharged if you fail to attend an appointment without contacting the CSLT service in advance.

## Supporting information

[www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt](http://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt)

[www.rcslt.org.uk](http://www.rcslt.org.uk)

[www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

[www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

[www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk)

## Help us get it right

If you have a complaint, concern, comment or compliment, please let us know by speaking to a member of staff. We learn from your feedback and use the information you provide to improve and develop our services.

If you would like to talk to someone outside the service contact **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)** on **0113 220 8585**, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm or email [lch.pals@nhs.net](mailto:lch.pals@nhs.net)

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## Specific Language Impairment Service



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## What service do we offer?

The Specific Language Impairment service is available to children who meet the criteria for a diagnosis of Specific Language Impairment or Specific Speech Impairment.

Your child will follow one of the following pathways

- Specific Language Impairment, Tier 1: for children with moderate language difficulties
- Specific Language Impairment, Tier 2: for children with severe language difficulties
- Specific Speech Impairment: for children with severe speech (pronunciation) difficulties

## What happens in the first appointment?

- After being referred to the service you will be offered an assessment appointment with a specialist Speech and Language Therapist (SLT).
- During this appointment the SLT will talk to you about your concerns, taking a case history and assessing your child's speech and language.
- At the end of the session the SLT will discuss their findings and make recommendations as necessary.

## Who will you see?

- **Therapist** - Your child's care will be overseen by a qualified SLT. All our SLTs are registered with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) and Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT).
- **Assistant** - Some parts of your child's care may be delivered by a SLT Assistant under the guidance of the SLT.
- **SLT students** - As part of their practical training, SLT students may work with your child under the supervision of the SLT. If you do not want a student to be involved in your sessions please tell the SLT.

## Where will your child be seen?

Depending on the age of your child, you will be offered an appointment at a health centre, or the child's educational setting.

## What happens after the assessment?

- An environment modification session at school, where a specialist SLT will give advice on how to support the communication needs of your child in their setting
- Therapy sessions within school or clinic. Parents or school staff are expected to continue to deliver the therapy programme in between sessions.
- Review periods between episode(s) of care

## How can you help?

- It is important you attend the recommended parent workshops.
- The SLT will give you advice and strategies to be used with your child on a regular basis. In order for your child to make progress it is important that you follow these recommendations.
- To gain maximum benefit from SLT sessions, your child should attend appointments as arranged.
- You may be asked to access the SLT Toolkit available via:

[www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt](http://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/cslt)

Please ensure you inform us of any change in address, home / mobile telephone number, or GP practice.

## Confidentiality

SLTs keep records about the treatment your child receives from our service. We use the secure electronic system used by all health care professionals working within Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust to record and share relevant information about contacts we have with you and your child with other healthcare professionals.

Please see enclosed health records leaflet for further information.