

Coventry Children's Speech and Language Therapy Referral Pathway - Health Visiting Service

This pathway should be followed for all children and young people where there is a concern over Speech, Language and Communication development to inform whether a referral on is necessary.

Gather evidence of developmental milestones, involve parents/carers/other professionals in your decision making. Include all areas of development, including communication skills. Promote a language rich and communication friendly environment by advising parents / carers to watch the Developing Early Use of Language (Parent-child interaction strategies) video on our website: Video resources – Childrens SSLT

Is the child's speech and language development age appropriate?

Yes
Family to continue promoting a language rich, communication friendly environment and health visiting service to follow universal services pathway

No
Information has been gathered around the child's speech, language and communication development using ASQ and other assessment tool if required e.g. Wellcomm.

Does an intervention need to be put in place?

No
Family to continue promoting a language rich, communication friendly environment and health visiting service to follow universal services pathway.
No intervention required if child already known to SLT service.

Yes
Promote a language rich communication friendly environment with parents / carers by advising them to watch the Developing Early Use of Language (Parent-child interaction strategies) video on our website: Video resources – Childrens SSLT and signpost to other resources and review in 3 months.

Is the child making progress after 3 month review?

Yes
Family to continue promoting a language rich, communication friendly environment and health visiting service to follow universal services pathway

No
Family to continue promoting a language rich, communication friendly environment
AND
Refer to Speech and Language Therapy with evidence of 1 term / 3 months of intervention.

Refer straight to Speech and Language Therapy for children with difficulties with: Speech, Stammering, Voice, Eating and Drinking.
Refer straight to Speech and Language Therapy for children who are deaf, have a cleft palate, a recent acquired brain injury, a pre 30 week gestation baby, a child in care.
See referral form for more details Referral – Childrens SSLT

More information on developmental milestones and resources to support speech, language and communication needs can be found at www.coventrychildrenssl.co.uk

Child's Progress checker - Speech & Language UK