

13 October 2016

Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed a copy of:

- Autumn 2016 Speech and Language Therapy drop-in flyer
- Speech and Language Therapy Drop-in Guidelines.
- Chattertime play sessions flyer
- Information about Speech and Language Training for Early

Years Staff

I would also like to inform that the up to date information regarding those sessions are also available on our website (address given above).

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Speech and Language Team

**Children & Young People's Community  
Speech and Language Therapy Service**

**Speech & Language Therapy Drop-ins**

**Guidelines for optimum usage**

**Concerns best addressed at a drop-in:**

- Bilingualism concerns
- Parental concern but health worker / practitioner not concerned
- Health worker / practitioner concerned but parent not concerned
- Stammering in 2-3 year olds
- Stammering in 3 – 4 year olds (for less than 6 months)
- Speech difficulties in 2-3 years olds

*Please discuss your concerns and reason for suggesting attendance at a drop-in with the family before directing them to the SLT drop-in.*

**Concerns best addressed with an immediate referral:**

<b>Concern...</b>	<b>Refer to...</b>
Hearing concerns	refer to Audiology straight away
Developmental concerns e.g. concerns about social skills, walking, fine motor skills	refer to Paediatrician
Concerns about walking, fine motor skills	refer to Physiotherapy straight away
Behaviour concerns	refer to CAHMS straight away
Eating and drinking concerns-swallowing	refer to SLT straight away
Eating and drinking concerns-behavioural	refer to SLT or refer to CAHMS refer to nutritionist, or dietician (through GP or Paediatrician)
Obvious ongoing communication difficulties	refer to SLT straight away
Stammering in 3 – 4 year olds (for longer than 6 months)	refer to SLT straight away
Speech difficulties in 3 – 4 years olds	refer to SLT straight away

**Language development guidelines:**

*For multilingual children, this would be in their best language*

<b>Skill:</b>	<b>Understanding</b>	<b>Talking</b>	<b>Vocab size</b>	<b>Speech</b>
<b>Age:</b> 18 months	Simple commands in context	Single words	10 - 20	Simple sounds e.g. b, d, m, etc
2 years	2 key words e.g. 'give the <u>apple</u> to <u>teddy</u> '	2 words together	50+	Mostly: b, t, d, m, n, w
3 years	3 key words e.g. 'give the <u>spoon</u> and <u>cup</u> to <u>baby</u> '	4-6 words together	500 - 1000	All vowel sounds k, g, s, f, sh, z, v, ch, used in simple words.