



# Speech and Language Specialist Assessment Clinic

## Introduction

This is a specialist service providing assessment and outreach support for children and young adults with complex speech and language difficulties.

## About the clinic

### Who can attend this clinic?

Children and young adults under the age of 19 (at time of referral). We will discuss with you and arrange appropriate transfer to adult services after that.

### Why choose to come to a Speech and Language Specialist Assessment clinic?

- To seek advice from a specialist speech and language therapist, who has experience of a wide range of complex speech and language problems.
- To obtain a more detailed assessment of your speech and language difficulties.
- To seek a second opinion if your speech and language difficulties have not responded to conventional treatment methods.

### Who can refer me to the clinic?

Referrals can be made to this service by your speech and language therapist, GP or other healthcare professional.

### How often are the clinics?

This clinic is arranged on an ad hoc basis depending on need.

## About the appointment

### How long is the appointment?

The appointment will last between 1 – 2 hours depending on need and appropriateness

### Who will I meet?

- A member of the team of specialist speech and language therapists based at Chailey Clinical Services

### Where will the appointment be?

In one of the Out Patient Clinic rooms at Chailey Clinical Services. When you arrive our receptionist will check that we have your correct details and show you where to wait for your appointment. The speech and language therapist will meet you and take you to the clinic room.

After an initial introduction, a relevant medical history will be taken. This will be followed by an assessment of your speech and language skills and difficulties. Following this a discussion with you will take place regarding an appropriate treatment plan and liaison with your local services if this is felt to be appropriate.



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### What will happen during the appointment?

If there are any associated problems related to your speech and language difficulties, for example hearing or Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) issues, recommendations for other investigations can be made from this clinic.

Your permission will be sought for consent to any photographs or video recordings that may be needed to help with the assessment and/or needed for monitoring progress.

### What will happen after the clinic?

A report of the assessment is sent to you within 3 weeks of the appointment documenting the results of the assessment and any discussion/decisions made. A copy will be sent to your referrer, GP and any one else you would like it to go to.

Following the assessment the speech and language therapist will liaise with your local speech and language therapy service, school or college to set up a programme to help you with your speech and language if appropriate.


## We're here to help

We're always happy to answer any queries that you may have.

If you have any queries at all, please contact the clinic secretary on:

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