

Information about you

The information you give is kept confidential to the service and may be shared between team members and other staff to help plan the best care for your child. All information we share is on a “need to know” basis and everyone will act professionally with the information you give us.

We will use some of the information for monitoring purposes to make sure we are offering the right service to meet local needs. In special circumstances we may need to share information with other professionals, for example to keep a child safe and protected from harm. Where possible we will tell you what we are sharing.

Contact

For further information or to make a referral, please call 01273 242079.

Get the best from your NHS

Our patient advice and liaison service (PALS) can help patients, families and carers with questions, comments or concerns about NHS services. If you need advice about our services, facilities or staff, or would like to make a comment, please contact PALS at:

Service Experience Team

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Other formats

Please ask any member of the team caring for you if you need this information in large print, Braille, easy read, audio tape or email.

Please ask any member of the team if you need help to understand this information in a language that isn't English.



Speech and Language Therapy

Pre-school Community Service

We are a city-wide service and work in health clinics and children's centres across Brighton and Hove.

What do we do?

We have an open referral system and welcome referrals from parents/carers. GPs, health visitors, early years' practitioners and other professionals can also refer children to us with parental consent.

We offer a range of services including:

- Assessment and diagnosis of speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).
- Advice and support for parents, carers and nursery staff to help the child's speech, language and communication development.
- Review appointments to monitor the child's progress.
- Regular 1:1 or group therapy.
- Referral on to other agencies e.g. audiology, child development services at seaside view child development centre, ethnic minority achievement service (EMAS), I CAN early years centre at carden nursery.

Who do we see?

Babies, toddlers and nursery age children who have been identified as having speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) or those parents/carers who have concerns regarding their child's communication.

We will see any child whose speech and language difficulties are having an impact on their ability to communicate, form friendships, interact socially with others or who are having difficulties accessing the early years foundation stage curriculum at nursery.

For instance they may have difficulty with:

- Attention and listening.
- Play and social interaction.
- Understanding and using language.
- Speech sound production.
- Fluency (stammering).
- Saliva control (dribbling).

How do we work with others?

- **Parents/carers:** We work directly with parents/carers in order to help them understand their child's difficulties and how best they can support and develop their child's communication. We offer parent/carer training and introductory workshops and signpost parents/carers to other appropriate groups and services.

- **Other professionals:** We have close links with the seaside view child development centre and liaise with the pre-school special educational needs service (PRESENS).

We liaise with health visitors, nursery teachers and any other services involved with the child through verbal and written reports, meetings and visits to the child's home and educational settings.