

Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy

Service for Deafness and Hearing Loss

Information for parents and carers



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[@NHSLothianSLT](https://www.facebook.com/NHSLothianSLT)

and our website:

www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk

What we do:



Provide specialist advice and strategies



Early feeding advice for new parents



Parent-child interaction support and modelling



Training teachers and other professionals



Advice around signing



Assessing your child's speech, language and communication

We are a small team of specialist Speech and Language Therapists who work with deaf children across all of Lothian.

We work closely with a wide team of professionals including:

- Audiologists
- Cochlear Implant Team
- Paediatricians
- Teachers of the deaf.

We can work directly with the child/young person but more often we work with their communication partners to provide advice and support strategies to improve their home/education environment.

Our aim is to help the child/young person to develop their communication skills to their full potential.

As the child progresses, the input may vary and a Speech and Language Therapist may not always be involved with your child but we are always available for consultation.

Your child's input may look like:



Phone calls for updates on your child's progress



Near Me telepractice sessions with parents



Monitoring your child's speech, language and communication development



Providing resources for you to work on with your child



Face-to-face home/nursery/school visits

For more information about deafness and hearing loss, visit:



National Deaf Children's Society

www.ndcs.org.uk

Advice, services, and support in your area for deaf children and young people, their families, and professionals.



Deaf Action

www.deafaction.org

Practical support services charity for deaf people.

Concerns or questions?

To speak to a Deafness and Hearing Loss Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapist, contact us at:

Edinburgh/West Lothian: 0131 672 9456

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