

Contact details

Early Years team

For all enquiries, including:

- Attention difficulties
- Social communication difficulties
- Language delay
- Complex needs
- Stuttering
- Hearing loss
- Speech sound difficulties
- Eating and drinking difficulties

Please contact:

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For further information and resources please visit:

www.cshsurrey.co.uk/our-services/service-children/speech-and-language-therapy

Follow us on Twitter: @CSHpaedtherapy



Need to contact the service?

Please see the Contact details section of this leaflet.

Your experiences

CSH Surrey is committed to putting people first and continually improving services through listening and responding to feedback. To share your experiences, please:

Call: 01306 646 223

Email: CSH.Feedback@nhs.net

Or write to the Governance Office address below.

Large print, audio format or another language

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or email CSH.Communications@nhs.net to receive this information in large print, audio format or another language.

General enquiries

Visit www.cshsurrey.co.uk for information and contact details for all other CSH Surrey services.

A heart in the community

CSH Surrey, proud to be part of the CSH Group. As a social enterprise, CSH makes profit to benefit local communities and to enhance its health and care services.



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Children's eating and drinking difficulties

Information and advice for parents, carers and professionals from CSH Surrey Speech and Language service

Better healthcare together

CSH Surrey, providing NHS community nursing and therapy services in the homes, schools, clinics and hospitals in the heart of Surrey since 2006.

What is Dysphagia?

Dysphagia is a medical term for swallowing difficulties.

Some children with dysphagia have problems swallowing certain foods or liquids, while others can't swallow at all.

Aims

We support children to develop feeding skills in line with their overall abilities. We work closely with parents, carers and other health professionals.

Which children do we see?

We work with children who have difficulties with eating and drinking as a result of physical and / or developmental difficulties, rather than behavioural needs.

Who can refer?

- GP
- Consultant paediatricians
- Medical professionals
- Health Visitors

How do we work?

- We observe your child at a typical mealtime at home or school and discuss your concerns. This typically takes 60 to 90 minutes
- Occasionally we may arrange another visit at home to carry out further assessment
- We will identify your child's strengths and eating / drinking difficulties
- Verbal advice will be given which will be followed up by a report and written advice
- We can provide training to parents, carers, school and nursery staff
- We refer to other professionals for example, a videofluoroscopy study (x-ray of swallow)
- We will work with your child until their feeding skills have improved/ maintained within their physical/ developmental abilities
- We will then discuss discharge with you and with other professionals involved.

Videofluoroscopy

Further assessment of your child's swallow may be necessary by x-ray. The therapist will discuss this with you further before a referral. A videofluoroscopy study takes place at either:

- St George's Hospital
- Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London.
- The Evelina Children's Hospital, London.
- The Royal Brompton Hospital

Useful links

www.ican.org.uk

www.talkingpoint.org.uk

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk