## **Contact details**

For all enquiries, including:

- Attention difficulties
- Social communication difficulties
- Language delay
- Hearing loss
- Complex needs
- Speech sound difficulties

### Please contact:

Clinical Navigator Leatherhead Clinic Poplar Road Leatherhead Surrey KT22 8SD

01372 384 305

### ${\sf CSH.childrensclinicalnavigator@nhs.net}$

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

Call 01306 646 223 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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# Hearing impairment: Early Years

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

## The Team

Our Speech and Language Therapy team is made up of three members of staff with specialist knowledge and training in deafness, working with deaf children in the central Surrey area. We work alongside the Advisory Teachers of the Hearing Impaired to help assess and develop all aspects of your child's speech language and communication.

## Who do we see?

Any child who has a hearing impairment. Children with glue ear or mild – moderate hearing losses are usually seen by the therapist who works in the local community clinic.

Children with severe – profound hearing losses are usually seen by a therapist who has additional qualifications/experience in working with hearing impaired children.

# Where and when will my child be seen?

Following referral, your child will be seen at home or in your child's nursery for an in-depth assessment of their speech, language and communication skills through observation, informal and formal assessment. A detailed report will be sent to you following this assessment.

## What do we do?

We support parents in developing their child's communication, language and speech skills through advice and modeling of activities. We see parents as the key person in their child's development.

We work closely with the Teachers of the Deaf and other relevant professionals to help develop communication skills and set targets based on developmental stages of play, speech and language.

We can provide therapy intervention that offers focused activities to develop communication, listening, language and speech skills.

We discuss programmes with support staff which can be carried out in pre-school.

We monitor your child's progress, write reports and set targets accordingly.

We provide training to parents, pre-school staff and other professionals.

# How long will the service continue?

The service will continue until your child's speech, language and communication skills are within normal limits for his/her age or until your child has made maximum progress in communication.

## What skills do we look at?

**Listening and attention:** We observe how effectively your child is using their hearing/hearing aids/cochlear implant to listen and attend to activities.

**Play:** We observe how your child plays on their own and with others.

**Language:** We assess your child's skills in understanding and using language, this may include spoken and signed language. We also look at vocabulary and how easily they can learn new words.

**Speech:** We assess whether your child is hearing and using appropriate speech sounds for their stage of development.

**Interaction:** We observe how your child interacts with other children and adults. This includes eye contact, turn taking, playing with others and use of language.

## Contact details

If you have any questions or to refer your child, please feel free to contact us:

#### Speech and Language Therapy team

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