

Contact details

Early Years team

For all enquiries, including:

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

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For further information and resources please visit:

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

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Need to contact the service?

Please see the Contact details section of this leaflet.

Your experiences

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Call: 01306 646 223

Email: CSH.Feedback@nhs.net

Or write to the Governance Office address below.

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General enquiries

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SPLAT Groups - Speech Language And Attention Therapy

Information and advice for
parents, carers and professionals
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Speech and Language service

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What are SPLAT groups?

SPLAT groups are for pre-school children who would benefit from additional help in developing their speech, language and communication skills. They are run by members of the Early Years Speech and Language Therapy team.

How many children are there in each group and what are their ages?

Each group is made up of two to five children. The children will be between two and four years of age, ages may vary within the group.

Where and how often do the groups meet?

- Groups run for seven weeks on a weekly basis. They start in January, May and September
- The first session is a parent only workshop and all parents/carers are expected to attend unless they have been before
- Groups do not run during half-term holidays
- Groups are run at several bases within the area of CSH Surrey
- To ensure that we can offer the most appropriate groups to all children you may be asked to travel further than your local clinic.

How will you help children with varying needs in the group?

We have four different types of groups to meet the differing needs of children. They will be placed within these groups based on their needs.

The four groups are

- **Listen to Learn:** Focusing on the attention and turn-taking skills vital for language learning
- **Vocabulary builder:** Focusing on increasing understanding and use of words
- **Sentence builder:** Focusing on encouraging understanding and use of short sentences and early concepts
- **Storytellers:** Focusing on understanding and using more complex sentences and early narratives.

Most activities are play-based. Therapists will use strategies including Makaton signing and expanding (repeating the child's words and correcting or adding information) to help the children develop their skills.

What are the advantages of group therapy?

- Promotes sharing and turn-taking skills
- Allows repetition, which aids language development

How can I help?

- Make sure that children do the assigned homework each week
- Please inform us as early as possible if you cannot make a particular session. This ensures that the group can make the best use of the 30 minute sessions
- Depending on room size and the children's needs parents will either sit in for the groups or stay in the waiting room as directed by the therapy team
- Please arrive in plenty of time as parking at the clinics can be problematic.

How will I know of my child's progress?

Following each group session the Speech and Language Therapist will feedback regarding your child's progress. At the end of the groups, a decision regarding further support will be made by the Speech and Language Therapist running the group.

What if my child cannot attend?

Please contact the clinic teams directly:

Tattenham clinic:	01737 358 312
Bourne Hall clinic:	020 8394 8691
Banstead clinic:	01737 351 836
Dorking clinic:	01306 646 271
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