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Integrated Speech, Language and Communication Pathway

Universal,
Targeted,
and Specialist



Introduction

Every child, regardless of circumstance should be able to develop and thrive. There is increasing concern about the number of children starting school with poor speech, language and communication skills, with unacceptable differences in outcomes in different areas of the country. Inequalities in early language development are recognisable in the second year of life and have an impact by the time children enter school.

Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to children and young people's overall development. Being able to speak clearly and process speech sounds, understand others, express ideas and interact with others are fundamental building blocks for a child's development. Research suggests that good communication, language and literacy at a young age have the highest correlation with outcomes at school and because of this Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority in Partnership with South Tees Talks have developed an Early Language Strategy. This includes a pathway showing how professionals will work together to support Speech, Language and Communication (SLC) from birth to 5 years across Redcar and Cleveland and is underpinned by training for the wider workforce to support this.



Where you see this symbol please help us to share key Speech, Language and Communication messages directly with families.

Pathway for Midwives



For Everyone



Pregnancy to Birth

- At all antenatal appointments, Midwives will talk to parents/carers about ways to communicate with their unborn child.
- At the booking appointment, Midwives will signpost parents/carers to Redcar and Cleveland's Start For Life Offer (inclusive of Family Hubs and Library information).
- Midwives will deliver Speech & Language (S&L) key messages at booking, 28 weeks, 38 weeks, and discharge.
- Midwives/ Indigo Team to offer Preparation For Parenthood course to all expectant parents/carers.
- Encourage parents to register their child with the library and promote early years sessions provided by the library service.
- Promote Family Hubs App and highlight resources i.e., BBC 'Tiny Happy People'.

0-3 Years

- Promote attendance at Family Hubs sessions and engagement with the digital Family Hubs offer/app.

By Invitation



Pregnancy to Birth

- Midwives are to complete Indigo Team screening tool at booking appointment which will dictate whether additional support is needed.

0-2 Years

- Promote attendance at Family Hubs sessions and engagement with the digital Family Hubs offer/app.

Referral



0-2 Years

- Promote R&C SEND offer, attendance at Family Hubs sessions, and engagement with the digital Family Hubs offer/app.

