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**Themes:** Advocacy, , , Physical Disabilities

**Aimed at:** Baby & Toddler Age 0-5, Children Age 6-11, Teenagers 12-17, Adults 18+

What is speech and language therapy for children?

The Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service supports children and young people in Doncaster and Bassetlaw aged 0-16 years who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking and swallowing. We also support young people aged 16 - 19 years old who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who are attending schools in Doncaster and Bassetlaw.

The Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment for children and young people with speech, language, communication, and feeding and swallowing difficulties.

The majority of difficulties fall into the following areas:

- understanding what is said to them
- expressing themselves
- talking clearly (saying speech sounds)
- stammering
- eating and drinking

The service sees children and young people in clinics, hospitals, schools, nurseries and other early years settings, and at home.

Accessing Children's Speech and Language Therapy

The Doncaster and Bassetlaw Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service operate an open referral system. This means anyone can refer a children and young people, you do not need to ask a professional to do this for you. However, we do not accept referrals without parents' knowledge and permission.

You can self-refer by downloading and completing the referral form here and communication checklist here and sending it to our address above.

To access the service children and young people must:

have a Doncaster or Bassetlaw GP

be aged 0-16 or 0-19 if they have an Education Health Care Plan and attending a Doncaster or Bassetlaw School

meet the threshold for accessing targeted Speech and Language Therapy care, for further information please refer to the Service Document which can be downloaded here.

Information for Parents/Carers

We are happy to take a referral over the phone from the person who holds parental responsibility, please contact us at our administrative base on 01302 644958.

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Information for Professionals

If you wish to make a referral you can do so using our referral form and return it to the address provided at the end of the form. Please note that we are unable to accept referral forms that are incomplete or do not contain a signature from the child's and young persons parent/carer.

**Area:** Bassetlaw

## **Contact Details**

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