

Expressive Language

Children's Speech and Language Therapy
Acute and Community AHPs

Introduction

This leaflet is produced for parents who may have concerns about their child's expressive language development. We hope you find this information useful. If you require further information, please telephone us on 01902 444363.

Expressive Language

Expressive language means the spoken words and sentences that we use. Using the right words and putting them into the right order requires a lot of skill.

Some children may have expressive language difficulties in areas such as:

- Not being able to find the right word
- Learning and remembering new vocabulary (words)
- Using the correct grammar (sentence structure)
- Putting words in the right order
- Retelling stories

General strategies to develop expressive language skills

- Simplify adult language
- Try to talk to a child at their level
 - Build on what they say by adding one or two words
- When you speak to a child give them time to respond.
 - Children need longer than adults to understand what has been said and to pick the words they want to use
- Using gestures or pictures with words can help children to learn new words. Children can also use the gestures or pictures to tell you things
- Describe what a child is doing. When you do this it is likely they will join in and talk

There are lots of children and young people who have difficulties with expressive language. Most of them can be helped by people who work with them such as school and nursery staff. However, some may require referral to Speech and Language Therapy for specific advice and support.

The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.

- **Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available**
- **If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111**
- **Keep the environment clean and tidy**
- **Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.**

Further information to support your child can be found in these leaflets:

Attention and listening skills

Receptive Language

Speech Sounds

Social Communication Skills

All are available from the website.

How do I get in touch?

Speech and Language Therapy Service

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English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

Punjabi

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ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

Romanian

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Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。