

The Head and Neck Cancer Speech and Language Therapy service at Torbay Hospital offer advice and support for patients who are having/ have had treatments for head and neck cancer.

This can include cancer of the lips, tongue, cheek, jaw, salivary glands, tonsils, soft palate, throat and the neck. Treatments can be surgical or oncological (chemotherapy/ radiotherapy/ chemoradiotherapy).

Speech and Language Therapists (SLT's) are responsible for the assessment, intervention planning and management of each individual's communication and/ or swallowing difficulties.

SLT's are part of the Head and Neck Cancer Support Team (Clinical Nurse Specialist [CNS], SLT and Dietitian [RD]). You will meet this team in a Pre-Treatment Clinic to discuss your treatment plans. This may include:

- advice for you and your family or carers following treatment/ surgery
- a thorough explanation of how your communication and/ or swallowing may be affected by your treatment
- how often you will be seen by an SLT before, during and after your treatment
- examination and full assessment of your communication and/ or swallowing
- provision of personalised therapy programmes tailored to your individual needs for any difficulties you may experience with eating, drinking and/or talking

Therapy is likely to continue after you have been discharged from Torbay Hospital in an outpatient clinic.

Your Speech and Language Therapists are:

Sam Gregory and Sarah Thomas

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Speech and Language Therapy Service (Macmillan)

Head and Neck Cancer Oncology