

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Information for Families of Children with Hearing Impairment

Children's Speech and Language  
Therapy Service



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Speech and Language Therapy for deaf children in Torbay, South and West Devon is provided by Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust.

Your Specialist Speech and Language  
Therapist (SLT) is:

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Paediatric Therapy Unit  
Outpatients' Department  
Newton Abbot Hospital  
West Golds Road  
NEWTON ABBOT  
TQ12 2TS

Mobile: 07768966129

Your child may be referred for assessment and therapy sessions by a professional, usually the Advisory Teacher of the Deaf & Hearing Impaired. Sessions may be offered at home, nursery, school or a hearing support centre.

The aim of the Speech and Language Therapist is to support your child to communicate as well as possible. Families, teachers, support staff and the SLT will work together to develop communication skills such as:

- Receptive language-what your child understands.
- Expressive language-what your child says/signs.
- Conversation skills.
- Speech skills.

The Speech and Language Therapist, family and Advisory Teacher of the Deaf & Hearing Impaired will discuss appropriate ways of working with your child and set targets. The most effective intervention is when families and school work jointly towards the targets. Intervention may include: assessment, advice, reports; reviews; group work; individual blocks of therapy; or ongoing direct/indirect therapy.