



Request for Information: Ref NCC-025808-17

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act about commissioning of Speech and language Therapy in Nottinghamshire. I am pleased to advise that we are now able to provide the following information

1) Do you have a joint commissioning arrangement in place for speech and language therapy services for children and young people?

The arrangement we have in Nottinghamshire is that the CCG's commission SLT services through universal services provided by health. The provision they offer is within their service contract. If SLT provision is required over and above this level and is stipulated within an EHCP, it is often the LA or schools that are then commissioning

2) Please could you email a copy of that arrangement, or a link?

We do not have a joint commissioning arrangement?

3) Who is/are the provider(s) of those services?

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council

4) Do you currently commission a speech & language therapy service for 0 – 2 year olds?

Universal and early intervention SLT services for children under 5 are commissioned as an integral part of the Nottinghamshire's Children Centres contract; details of provision are as follows: Home-Talk - a 6 week programme delivered within the family home by highly qualified and experienced children's workers, managed by SL therapists for children identified as in need of some intervention as part of the 2 - 2.5 years universal check conducted by Healthy Families practitioners (formerly health visiting).

Following on from this, where necessary, we have groups (e.g. Little Talkers) in the CCs focused on continuing these positive developments and SLC is embedded within all the CC universal play and early activities, with the lead officer for SLCN from our CC provider (NCFP) part of the Closing the Gap Attainment board.

In addition to the work undertaken by the Home Talk workers, each district has an SLT who carries a small case load and ensures prompt referral to clinical services for those children requiring more specialist interventions. They also run Language Lead networks across the districts to ensure that private, voluntary and independent early year's childcare providers and schools can access first class training and information. The work of the NCFP SLT team has been recognised nationally with several awards.

For more information see <http://nottslanguageforlife.co.uk/> and <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/providers/language-for-life>

5) Do you currently commission a speech & language therapy service for 18 – 25 year olds?

I am unaware of any such service.

6) Does your joint commissioning arrangement include speech & language therapy provision for children who do not have an EHC plan?

We don't have a joint commissioning arrangement

7) Who is/are the provider(s) of that provision?

We don't have a joint commissioning arrangement

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk.