

## Referral criteria for the Early Years Communication and Language

### Development Service

Please refer to the *Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway document*.

Before making the referral children should have accessed the following from the pathway <https://indd.adobe.com/view/5b5581df-6962-4b27-8296-9746bf03ae14>

**Don't forget you can contact EYCLDS at any point for advice and guidance on 01204 338349**

Early Years Communication and Language Development Service (EYCLDS)  
Healthy Families (0-19 Service)  
Heaton Centre  
New Hall Lane  
Bolton BL1 5LF  
01204 338349/ 338182

## Every Child Offer

- High quality adult interaction and language rich environments wherever the child is
- Assessment tools:
  - Ages & Stages Questionnaire – 3 (ASQ-3)
  - Ages & Stages Questionnaire – SE (ASQ-SE)
  - Communication & Language Journey
  - Newborn Behavioural Observations • Early Years Foundation Stage

## Getting 'Extra Help' from those already involved:

- Complete a Wellcomm Assessment
  - Green = Continue with 'Every Child' offer
  - Amber = Carry out appropriate activity from the Big Book of Ideas (BBI) with family and reassess after 3 months. Consider signposting to a Let's Get Talking group.
  - After reassessment, if continue to score Amber, continue with reassessment and contact EYCLDS for advice & guidance.
  - Red= Carry out appropriate activity from BBI, plus contact Early Years Communication and Language Development Service (EYCLDS) for specific Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

**Refer to EYCLDS if the child meets the below criteria, continue to carry out the intervention (BBI activities)**

## Getting 'More Help' from additional agencies:

If you have reviewed the child 3 months after their initial Wellcomm assessment and they have scored **red**, then please refer to EYCLDS.

Criteria summary:

- Child is between 18 months and 4 years
- Child is presenting with language and communication difficulties and has scored RED on their review Wellcomm
- It can be demonstrated that the activities and advice from the Big Book of Ideas has been implemented between Wellcomm assessments

**Referrals received that have not demonstrated evidence of two Wellcomm assessments and consistent use of the BBI interventions will be rejected.**

## How to refer to EYCLDS...

### What information to include in your referral to EYCLDS...

"In addition to a relevant holistic assessment for the young person, specifically for EYCLDS, information about strengths and needs in the following areas should be provided in the **Speech, Language and Communication** section:

- Attention and Listening
- Play and social skills
- Understanding
- Speech sounds and talking
- Feeding/swallowing issues
- Information about what steps have been made to address these concerns/issues to date" e.g. WellComm scores and activities shared with family, family attended "Let's get Talking"
- **NB re Bilingual referrals** - please state **ALL other languages spoken in the home** regardless of need for interpreters. We need this information to assess the child in their 1st language as well as in their second language. This means that we will need to book an appropriate interpreter to help the Speech and Language Therapist complete this assessment process.
- Please specify if a child is already known to an independent or private Speech and Language Therapist and include their details in the other professionals involved section. This is so liaison between SLTs can take place with parental permission.

### Other recent specialist assessments should also be attached to the Early Help Assessment such as:

1. Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3);
2. Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social and Emotional (ASQ:SE);
3. **WellComm Score Sheet; Initial and Review**
4. Educational Psychology Report; and/or
5. Audiology Reports.

### Please send completed early help forms to:

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy  
Brightmet Health Centre  
Brightmet Fold Lane  
Bolton  
BL2 6NT  
OR email  
CommunityTherapyAdmin@boltonft.nhs.uk

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