



Autumn 2024

Halton Newsletter



About us

Communicate SLT CIC is a not for profit organisation providing Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) services within the North West of England.

Our team has extensive experience in supporting children and young people directly and through others, using high-quality, evidenced-based approaches to maximise impact where they live and learn.



Meet our team

Our dedicated team in Halton include Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs), Speech and Language Therapy Assistants (SLTAs), and Business Support professionals.









Together, we create a team with the goal of supporting each child/young person to reach their full potential.

Find out more about our team and their roles [here](#).

Speech and Language Therapists

Speech and Language Therapy Assistants

 Rhian	 Chenade	 Katie	 Claire	 Steph
 Lauren	 Orla	 Helen	 Sara	

 Jo	 Sarah	 Rachael	 Ashleigh
 Lucy	 Amy	 Lyndsey	 Aimee



Our services in Halton

Below is some information about our current services in Halton. To find out more please visit [our website](#).



Dysphagia

Our Dysphagia services, which support children with eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties are running at full capacity and parents/carers can expect an initial response to all medical requests for this service within 5 working days.



Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pathway

Our team deliver assessments for the Neurodevelopmental Pathway in Halton, working in partnership with the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) at Woodview Child Development Centre.

More details about our input for this pathway can be found [here](#). We'd recommend that if you have a child or young person who has been accepted on the pathway, that you review this webpage regularly to monitor the progress we're making.



EHCP Requests for Advice from SEN Assessment Team (SENAT)

Our team receive requests from SENAT for assessments as part of the EHCP application process. Once a formal request for this advice is received, we will expedite an assessment with the child/young person, aiming to return our report within 6 weeks of receiving the request.



Support within Special Schools and Resource Bases

During the Autumn 2024 term, our team have been delivering assessment, intervention and support for children and young people within these educational settings. This focus will be reviewed in January 2025.



Requests for Service

We are continuing to assess children for whom we have received a request for service. Due to challenges with the transition of service providers, which included low staffing, we are aware that there are many children waiting for this initial assessment. We are working with commissioners to calculate waiting times and will share these as soon as we are able.



Reviews

Our team are reviewing care plans which Communicate SLT have been involved with since November 2023.



Training for Workforce

Our SLTs are providing a rolling programme of training workshops for members of the children's workforce. The topics of these are based on common themes from the requests for service and feedback from the workforce. You can see these events by clicking on [this link](#).



Family Hub Services

Two members of our team have been commissioned by Family Hubs to offer input for parents during Family Hub activities and events; and to support selected Early Years settings to enhance provision for all children's speech, language and communication development.



Support for parents

Parents and carers are often the best people to help their children learn. After all you know them best and want to give them the best start in life. The more you know, the more you can help.

Here are some useful links to information online:

Online Support:

[What to expect and when](#)

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[NHS Toolkits for parents](#)

[Action for Stammering](#)

[What is Selective Mutism](#)

[Autism Understood](#)

Finding local support:

[Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum](#)

[Halton Family Hubs](#)

[Halton Local Offer](#)

[ADDvanced Solutions](#)



Getting in touch

Our Business Support Team continue to experience an extremely high number of telephone calls, voicemails and emails, which we're not yet able to respond to as quickly as we would like.

To support you in the meantime, we regularly update the content on [our website](#) and are enhancing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section, to allow parents to easily find the information they need.

In addition, we'll be sending our a newsletter each school term.

If you still have a question or query, please get in touch and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Our AGM 2023-24

We recently hosted our Annual General Meeting to celebrate our impact in the previous year.

It was also a good opportunity to look ahead to shape our service into the future.



View our Annual Report [here](#).



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Make a Request for Service

To make a request for service, please click the button above. You can also access this link under Halton Services on our [webpage](#).

