

# SLCN for Shropshire Early Years SENCoS

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# Website Links for SLT and CDC

- [Speech & language therapy  
\(shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk\)](https://shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk)
- [Our Training  
\(shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk\)](https://shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk)
- [Child Development Centres in Shropshire  
and in Telford and Wrekin  
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# Early Identification, intervention and referring to SLT

- Early Years Talk Boost and other screening tools and progress checkers
- ELSEC September 2024
  - ❖ Universal offer for settings and parents
  - ❖ Whole setting approaches
  - ❖ Children who are amber
  - ❖ Children who are amber/red
- Advice Line
- GP referrals

# SLT Waiting list trend

Period	Total	Breaching 18 weeks	Shropshire	Telford
Current April 2024	936	438	494	442
Dec 2023	749	263	350	366
Dec 2022	867	437	-	-
Dec 2021	1222	618	-	-

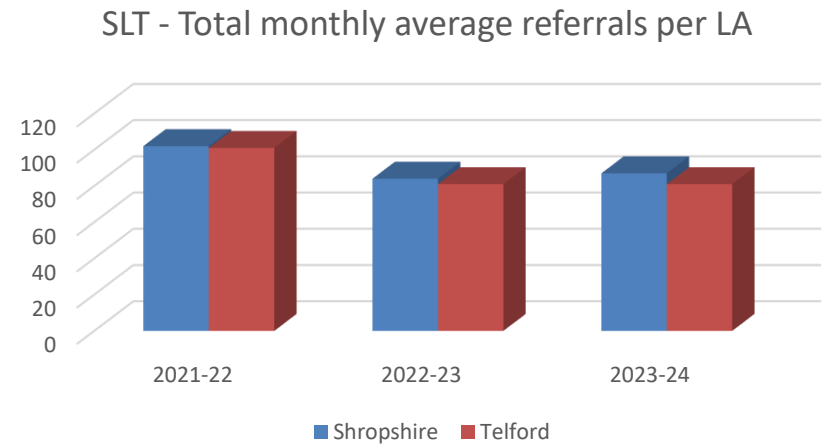
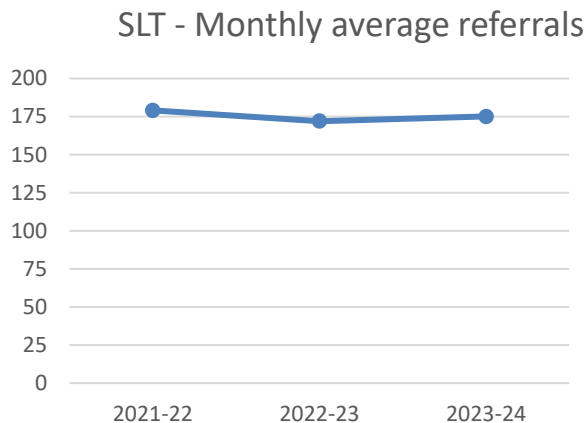
# Pathways and Waiting times

Pathway	Longest wait wks	Target	Comment
Advice Line	8	4	STW all booked
Cleft	19	NA	Co-ordinated with BCH
Community Language/Communication	49	18	All ages Waiting list initiative June 24
Community Speech	7	18	STW all ages
Early Years Complex Needs	66	18	Waiting list initiative June 24
Eating Drinking Swallowing	11	Urgent 72 hours	STW Urgent prioritised
Selective Mutism	23	18	STW all ages
Special Schools- Severndale	0	18	Very high caseloads & need
Stammering	23	18	STW all ages
Voice	32	18	STW all ages

# SLT Monthly average referrals

Period	Total	Shropshire	Telford
2023-24	178	90	80
2022-23	172	84	81
2021-22	179	102	101

In April 2024 we received 200 referrals



\*discrepancies may be related to rejected referrals, due to rounding, partial year effect and out of county referrals

# SLT Referrals by age

## 2023-24 Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Age Band	Numbers of children
0 - 12 months	77
12 months+1 - 36 months	725
36 months +1 - 48 months	419
4 yrs+1 - 8 yrs	663
8 yrs+1 - 11 yrs	123
11 yrs +1 - 14 yrs	50
14 yrs +1 - 19 yrs	36

# SLT Total caseload trend

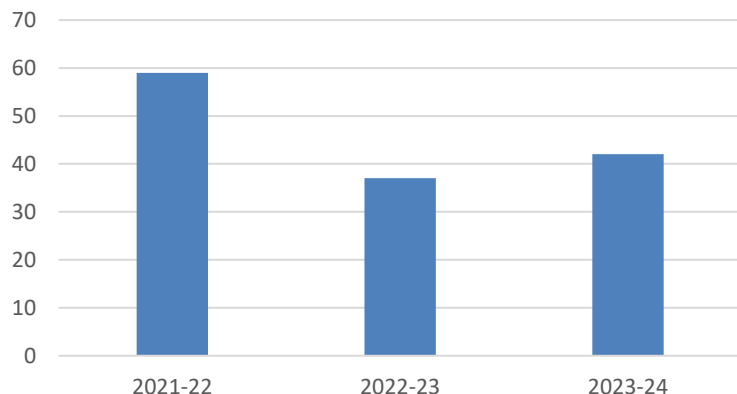
Period	Total
April 24	2979
Dec 2023	2787
Dec 2022	2959
Dec 2021	3409



# CDC Monthly average referrals

Period	Per month	Shropshire	Telford
2023/24	41*	18	22*
2022/23	37	16	19
2021/22	59	25	32

CDC - Monthly average referrals



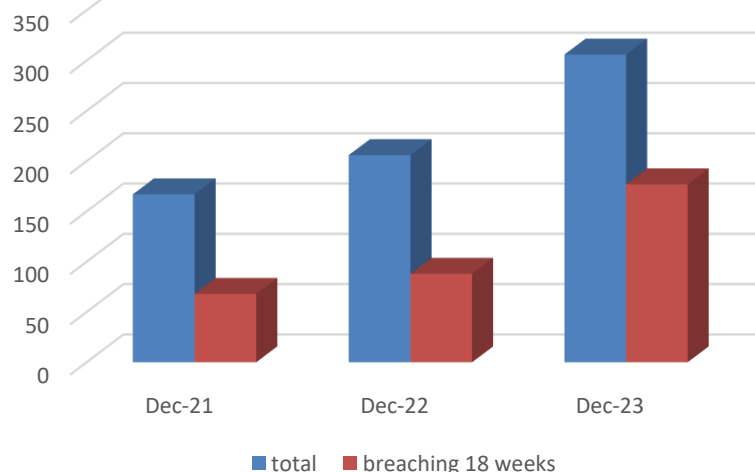
Monthly average referrals - per LA



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# CDC Waiting list

Period	Total	Breaching 18 weeks	Shropshire	Telford
April 2024	337	271	159	185
Dec 2023	306	177	117	179
Dec 2022	206	88	-	-
Dec 2021	167	68	-	-



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# Highest Risks and Impact

- Children waiting for
  - ❖ SOGs
  - ❖ MDA
  - ❖ Early Years Complex Needs SLT
- Recruitment of SLTs ( and Paediatricians) impacting on waiting times, waiting numbers and follow up care and support

# Early Years Complex Needs Pathway

Under 48 mths and known to Paediatrics

- First call to parents Case History and areas of need
- Assessment in clinic
- Building communicating routines and goal setting
- Follow up call/visit to parents
- Visuals 1 workshop
- Offer of follow up call/support
- Offer of further interventions
- **Intensive Interaction**
- **Makaton**
- **Attention and Listening**
- **AAC**
- **Receptive Language Grp**
- **Early Years Vocabulary**
- Setting/Home visit
- SLT Advice line and Website
- **SOGS**
- **Referral to CDC**
- **Referral to Portage**
- **SEND Notification**
- **CDC Advice Line and Website**
- **Early Bird ( Rising to the Challenge AWM)**

# Waiting List Initiative

- Starting 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Running for 4 weeks with additional time until end of second week of Sept
- Community and EYCN assessment
- Stammering, Voice and Selective Mutism assessments
- EYCN and MDA combined initial assessment followed by SOGs assessment, follow up with parents and settings, consultation with Paediatrician, ASD /ECDD diagnoses considered.

# Questions and Feedback

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