

## **MPFT Speech and Language Therapy Service Model Information:**

The MPFT paediatric speech and language therapy service is provided by Midlands Partnership NHS Trust.

The service is commissioned by the Integrated Commissioning Board.

The Service is made up of HCPC registered speech and language therapists, speech and language therapy assistant practitioners and support staff.

Speech and language therapists work with babies, children and young people who have complex speech, language, communication and/or eating and drinking needs which require specialist input. Many speech, language and communication difficulties do not require specialist level input and needs can often be met by adapting the curriculum or adjusting communication styles.

The service is delivered mainly through a clinic model. This means children attend an appointment with their parent/carer in a health centre or other clinic base such as a children's centre. However, depending on clinical need there are some children whose needs are met through a flexible approach via their setting, school or home. The need for this is decided by the speech and language therapist following a thorough initial assessment. Therapy is on an individual basis depending on the risk and need of the child.

All children accepted into the Service will have an active target called a care aim. This target will have a time frame and will be reviewed to see if it is met or needs adapting. When the child no longer has a high risk or high need from the Service they will be discharged- this is because their needs are being met at this point. However, if needs change in the future there is open access to re-refer. This enables throughput of children to ensure only those who will benefit most are actively in the Service.

If a child's needs are being met by an Independent Practitioner or others then duty of care will be transferred to that individual/team.

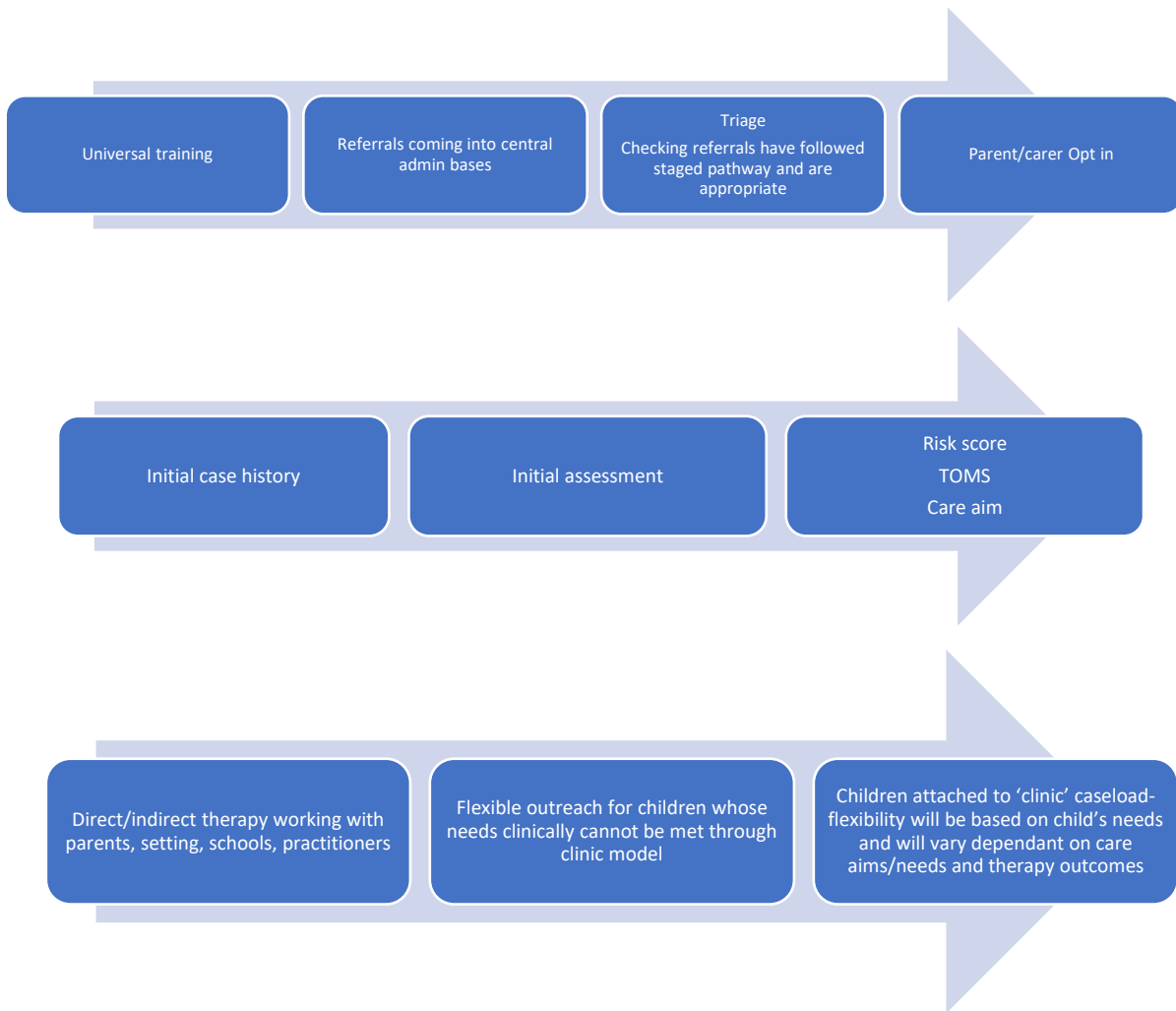
We have an open referral system; anyone can make a referral to speech and language therapy. All referrers are expected to follow the Staged Pathway before referral [Click to view the Staged Pathway Toolkit](#). Staged Pathway training dates are available online free of charge.

This model of working ensures all public health messaging and general support is in place and that only the children who need specialist speech and language therapy are referred in to the Service.

Settings and schools have access to a package of training. This is to empower them to work at universal and targeted level. Details of the training offer can be found on Stoke Speaks Out website [www.stokespeaks.org/training](http://www.stokespeaks.org/training)

Anyone can access a wide range of resources via Stoke Speaks Out [Speech and Language Therapy | Stoke Speaks Out | United Kingdom](#) . Parents are advised to visit the site for activity ideas and top tips/key message of the month. Stoke Speaks Out also signposts to other reliable sources such as [www.bbc.co.uk/tinyhappyypeople](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tinyhappyypeople) , the Local Offers and Family Hubs across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

The service has a robust referral form which enables a clinician to triage the referral. The service operates an opt in system and uses tools for prioritising, goal setting and for measuring outcomes.



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