**Information for professionals relating to speech, language and communication**

In Sefton we want all professionals to be confident to share information with families and support children in the early years with their speech, language and communication development.

Here we are sharing links to information, resources and training for professionals that can be used in their direct work with children and families and to increase knowledge of development and strategies.

**Health visitors**

[Health Visitors: Resources to refer parents to on Tiny Happy People - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/health-visitor-referral/zx8d7v4)

**Midwives**

[Pregnancy tips and advice - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/pregnancy)

**Early years practitioners**

[Early years / EYFS teachers and early years practitioners - Resources for EYFS teachers on language development - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/eyfs-referral/zs9q6rd)

**Our key messages in Sefton can be shared with families**

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| Look Say Sing Play -  | [Look, Say, Sing, Play early years resources to use and share with parents | NSPCC Learning](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/look-say-sing-play-early-years-resources-parents) |
| Tiny Happy People | [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people) |
| Start for Life | [Start for Life home - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/) |

Book onto training for early years practitioners here – [Training & Events | Sefton Education](https://www.seftoneducation.uk/TrainingAndEvents)

**Further Resources and Links**

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| **Area** | **Link** |
| **Speech, Language and Communication** | [Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/) |
| **Stammering**British Stammering AssociationAction for stammering Children | [www.STAMMA.org](http://www.STAMMA.org) [www.actionforstammeringchildren.org](http://www.actionforstammeringchildren.org)  |
| **Bilingualism/EAL** | [Bilingual babies and speaking multiple languages at home - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/bilingual)[Time together - support for multilingual families | National Literacy Trust](https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/time-together-multilingual-families/)[Understanding multilingualism in the early years | National Literacy Trust](https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/understanding-multilingualism-early-years/) |
| **Selective Mutism** | [Selective Mutism Information & Research Association (SMIRA)](http://www.selectivemutism.org.uk/)[SMIRA - Selective Mutism Information and Research Association | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMIRASelectiveMutism/) |
| **Makaton** | [Home (makaton.org)](https://makaton.org/) |
| **Autism**  | [National Autistic Society (autism.org.uk)](https://www.autism.org.uk/)[Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) – Alder Hey Children's Hospital Trust](https://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/services/autism-spectrum-disorder/)[Early years | Ambitious about Autism](https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/information-about-autism/early-years) [Early Years Standards Framework | Autism Education Trust](https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/resources/early-years-standards-framework) |
| **Sefton Local Offer** | <https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>  |
| Sefton Council speech language and communication resource page, early years | <https://www.seftoneducation.uk/Page/20793>  |
| **Library Service** WebpageEvents PageAt The Library webpage Bootle, Crosby, NethertonFacebook/Twitter/instagram | [www.sefton,gov.uk/libraries](http://www.sefton,gov.uk/libraries)[https://www.sefton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-learning/libraries/events-and-activities/](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=sefton.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2VmdG9uLmdvdi51ay9jaGlsZHJlbi1hbmQteW91bmctcGVvcGxlL3NjaG9vbHMtYW5kLWxlYXJuaW5nL2xpYnJhcmllcy9ldmVudHMtYW5kLWFjdGl2aXRpZXMv&i=NWI2OTdlN2JiMjFjNjMxNmMwOWQ0Yjky&t=L3lMMkkrbFAvVW5TMEdReFQ5bjNxbUhGSVQyZFh1eDRUYXhsRXdEQ0FEQT0=&h=fa3d7041b56747989bd91c751a6c4eec&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVb1W5BW8MFljyV8qgJvFr6MvRcJFkk34pEvILlBayha4g) [https://atthelibrary.co.uk/](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=atthelibrary.co.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9hdHRoZWxpYnJhcnkuY28udWsv&i=NWI2OTdlN2JiMjFjNjMxNmMwOWQ0Yjky&t=MkIwK3JRMU9rc1h4N0xSSWszVTBNOXFjeHN6eUFuRzNzZjlZQlgzSS9jcz0=&h=fa3d7041b56747989bd91c751a6c4eec&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVb1W5BW8MFljyV8qgJvFr6MvRcJFkk34pEvILlBayha4g)  [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/seftonlibraries/) <https://twitter.com/SeftonLibraries>[Sefton Libraries (@seftonlibraries) • Instagram photos and videos](https://www.instagram.com/seftonlibraries/) |

**Sefton Early Years integrated speech, language and communication pathway**

In Sefton we strive for every child to develop and thrive, and we recognise the importance of speech, language and communication in the early years.

The first years of life are vital in giving every child the best start, with speech, language and communication skills an important indicator of child wellbeing. These skills shape a child’s ability to learn, develop friendships and their future life chances. Every child, regardless of circumstance should be able to develop and thrive.

Our Early Years integrated speech, language and communication pathway sets out Sefton’s vision to meet the speech, language and communication needs of children in the early years.

This means we can integrate local services across education, health and social care; and empower parents to improve early language outcomes and child wellbeing.

Sefton aim for all services who have contact with families in the early years to consistently deliver the key messages to support early speech, language and communication, for all early years professionals to have access to training that develops their skills in supporting early speech, language and communication, for all families to have access to information and activities that support the development of their child’s early speech, language and communication and where needs are identified for the family and child to be supported in how to access targeted or specialist provision.

Link to pathway video (in development)

Link to pathway document (in development)

**Speech and Language Therapy in Sefton**

Find out more on our partners page – link to partners- speech and language

Before making a referral to speech and language therapy we ask that early years settings follow the Early Years Graduated Approach – supporting children with SEND – link to graduated approach document

**Early Years speech and language project**

Find out more on our partners page – link to partners- speech and language

**Information for families**

See our families page for links and resources to share with families to support speech, language and communication – link to families page on website