



Early Language Support for Every Child (ELSEC)

ELSEC is a pilot programme to help educational settings and parents to provide support for children aged 2-11 years old with speech, language and communication needs, (SLCN). The focus will be upon supporting those children who have mild to moderate SLCN who do not meet the threshold for specialist support from the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Speech and Language Therapy Team.

Families will be invited to attend an initial appointment, face to face with a Speech and Language Therapist. The child's needs will be assessed, and further support will be offered, if suitable, via ELSEC to support them to develop their spoken language or speech sounds.

There may be occasions when a child's needs are more significant than the referral suggests, these children will access specialist support from the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Speech and Language Therapy Team.

A Therapy Support Worker will demonstrate activities to parents or educational staff in your setting over 1-3 sessions, depending on the needs of the child. There will be opportunities for your staff to take a lead on these activities to train and empower them to continue to complete these activities after the sessions end. Following these sessions, the child will be discharged. Settings and parents will be advised to continue to complete the activities demonstrated to support the child to continue to make progress with their talking or speech sounds.

Pre-recorded and virtual training will be available to enable staff in settings to further develop their skills to support children with SLCN. Please look out for further updates! Pre-recorded training is also available to parents to help them to support their child at home.

ELSEC will be running until August 2025, we will be asking for your feedback before and after sessions with our team.

If you need to contact the team please email LPT.ELSEC@nhs.net