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# Communication offer for young people - pregnancy to school age

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## All children and young people are entitled to

- Access to good communication environments
- Expectant parents to have access to ante-natal programmes
- Brazelton Newborn Observation Techniques offered universally at first or second new-born Health Visitor contacts -up to 3 months of age
- Eight visits offered under the enhanced Health visitor model and universal plus offer on a needs led basis
- WellComm screening at at 9 to 12 month, 2 to 2.5 years and 3 to 3.5 year development check
- Ages and stages questionnaire
- Access to a GP
- Consistent tracking system to plot speech, language and communication progress and to provide: early identification; intervention for those with speech, language and communication delay; challenge and progress for those performing as or above expected
- Knowledgeable parents and practitioners aware of their role in supporting speech, language and communication development and working together in partnership
- Access to universal play sessions with a Speech, Language and Communication focus, which support parents to aware of their role in supporting speech, language and communication development and working together in partnership
- Practitioners who create a language rich environment, which provides language learning opportunities and interactions in daily activities
- Baseline assessment on entry to and early years foundation stage assessment at the end of reception
- NHS telephone advice service short appointments

## Some children and young people may need

- Identification of where babies are not meeting age-related expectations
- Identification of attachment/early intervention issues between parents and young babies
- Speech and language home visiting service
- Access to speech, language and communication advice and programme of support through settings and community or home based intervention
- Access to appropriate interventions to improve language learning delivered by appropriately trained members of staff.
- Practitioners to have access to key messages promoting positive interaction from the early years team, Communicate CIC and Better Start
- Targeted support for children in early years settings with an identified speech, language and communication need

## A few children and young people may need

- Access to specialist provision such as NHS, Blenheim and/or Portage
- Referral to specialist health visitor for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health
- Referral to specialist health visitor for Parents and Infant Relationship Service (PAIRS)
- Referral for a Neonatal Behavioural Assessment Scale up to 2 months of age, with the Specialist Health Visitor with video interactive guidance
- Access to a speech and language therapist who can assess, provide advice and guidance and, where appropriate, intervention to the child

- Identified members of staff who can support speech and language programmes in the setting (if required) following the advice and guidance of the speech and language therapist
- Involvement of early years SEND advisory teacher around complex speech, language and communication needs/social communication difficulties

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