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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding provision of specialist services for children who stammer within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Could you inform us of whether service provision is available for children who stammer (between ages three and eighteen) in the local area? This includes information about the structure of the Speech & Language Therapy service commissioned and whether there are specialist services available specifically to children who stammer, e.g. dysfluency pathways and services.

Children who stammer (age range = 0-19) can be referred into the Community Speech & Language Therapy service. They will be seen by a generalist Speech & Language Therapist (SLT) for assessment and offered intervention in a clinic, if appropriate.

The service also runs Parent-Child-Interaction workshops for parents as part of their intervention programme. The Service in this CCG does support dysfluency through its general service.

Expert and highly specialised telephone advice is sourced from the Willy Russell Centre, Liverpool.

The CCG does not commission the Willy Russell Centre for this advice.

2. Where possible, please include details relating to any specified criteria for accessing this service, i.e. age range, community/clinic based service, exclusion criteria, geographical area covered.

The SLT Service will accept any referral for triage, on the basis that the information provided in the referral specifies the impact of the child's speech, language or communication needs.

The service is open to any child / young person between 0 and 19 years. The geographical area covered is the Borough of Sefton.