

# Speech and Language Therapy Service video transcript

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We are the adult speech and language therapy service. We work closely with dietitians, GPs,

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and clinical nurse specialists to assess and treat difficulties with your speech,

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language, communication, or swallowing. In adulthood, these difficulties are usually

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due to an acquired neurological condition such as a stroke, brain injury, Parkinson's disease,

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or motor neuron disease. We cannot help with difficulties that are present from birth or

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start during childhood such as dyslexia or stammering. We also cannot help with voice

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disorders that are unrelated to Parkinson's disease. Please speak with your GP who can

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refer you to the specialist voice service at your local hospital. Appointments may be held

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at our outpatient clinics in your home or via telephone or online video call. To access our

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service, you will need to be referred by a healthcare worker such as your GP, nurse,

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or dietician. We currently do not accept self-referrals. When we have received your

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referral, it will be reviewed by a member of our team to understand if it meets our

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service criteria. This is known as triage. If we are able to see you, you will be sent a letter

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inviting you to arrange an appointment with us. If we are not the right service for you,

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we will inform the healthcare worker who referred you to us. You can find more

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information about the adult speech and language therapy service and what we offer on our web page.