



Northumberland
County Council

Speech, Language and Communication Integrated Framework (conception to age five)

This framework sits within the Integrated Services Plan for Conception to Age 5 and identifies the core offer across services to support children conception to age five in relation to speech, language and communication development.

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Introduction

Developing good speech, language and communication skills in the early years and beyond has a powerful impact on the health and well-being of children. In addition to this it supports their educational progress and in turn their employability in the future.

Communication is the most significant life skill, yet 1.4 million children have a speech, language and communication need. Children with these speech, language and communication needs may have trouble communicating but also there may be children who have underlying difficulties with understanding, attention, listening and interacting with others.

Some children have speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), others may be a little late in developing their skills, and some children have no identified needs, but all children will benefit from the support we are able to provide.

If these children do not receive the right support, it can cause significant long-term difficulties for children and young people.

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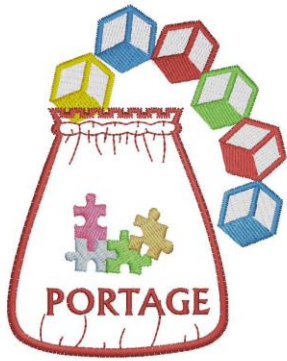
Across Northumberland, leading practitioners from a range of disciplines have come together to develop a comprehensive Speech, Language and Communication Framework for the county. This framework aligns the work of Midwifery and 0-19 Health services, Family Hub 0-19 services, Early Education, Library services, Inclusive Education services, Family Help 0-19 services, and NHS Speech and Language services.

Supporting children's speech, language and communication skills is everyone's responsibility. There is a focus on robust preventative measures alongside systems which enable early identification of need to ensure additional or specialist support is prioritised for those children who need it. Guaranteed provision for every child is ensured through an integrated approach providing high quality adult interaction and language rich environments wherever the child is. Together, services actively promote key messages in relation to supporting speech, language and communication in the home, community and education settings, ensuring every child becomes a successful communicator.

A training package which supports the effective implementation of the framework is available for all services as a digital learning package on Learning Together. Additional, integrated speech, language and communication networks are offered throughout the year across the county to further development reflective practice.

Northumberland Integrated Speech, Language and Communication Framework Overview

A partnership multi-agency approach involving the following services:



Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Northumberland Integrated Speech, Language and Communication Framework Overview

Agreed key messages for all services

Respond to all communication attempts

Be face to face in interactions as much as possible

Play, share books and have fun incorporating language experiences into everyday activities

Follow the child's lead

Expand the child's language at their level

Northumberland Integrated Speech, Language and Communication Framework Overview (Conception to 5)

Every Child's Entitlement
Guaranteed provision for every child through an integrated approach to providing high-quality adult interactions and language rich environments wherever the child is. Services actively promote key messages in the home, community and education settings ensuring every child becomes a successful communicator.

Every Child's Entitlement

- Healthy Child Programme
- Funded education for 3&4 Yr Olds and for eligible 2 Yr Olds
- Northumberland School Readiness Passport
- Reception place in school

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Criteria for accessing targeted support:

Targeted Support
Extra Help is offered to children where there is a concern around their speech, language and communication and/or where there is the potential for gaps to appear. This extra support is in addition to 'Every Child's Entitlement'.

Criteria for accessing specialist support:

Specialist Support
Specialist services are provided for children with significant speech, language and communication needs and/or where needs remain despite targeted support being provided. This specialist support is in addition to 'Every Child's Entitlement' and may run alongside targeted support.

Universal services which support 'Every Child's Entitlement'
(May not be accessed by all)

Underpinned by skills and knowledge of workforce –

All services to access Northumberland Speech, Language and Communication Framework Digital Learning Package via Learning Together

Northumberland Integrated Speech, Language and Communication Framework

Conception

Midwifery and 0-19 Health Visiting Services

- 28 to 32 week antenatal visit
- Parent education virtual sessions

Enhanced parenting pathway/targeted support

Family Hub 0-19 Services

- HENRY
- Me, You and Baby Too

Early Education

Library Services

Inclusive Education Services

Family Help 0-19 Services

Open referral

NHS Speech and Language Therapy

Birth to 12 Months

0-19 Health Visiting Services

- New birth visit
- 6 week visit
- 3 month visit
- 12 month visit

Enhanced parenting pathway/targeted support

Bookstart Baby

Family Hub 0-19 Services

Learning Together Through Play (LTP)

- Brilliant Babies
- Early Explorers
- HENRY
- Incredible Years
- PEEPs 3

LTP (AND)

Early Education

Library Services

Bookstart Baby (gifted by Health Visitor)

Inclusive Education Services

Portage monthly home visits

Sensory Support contact from birth – home visits. Direct referral from professionals

Family Help 0-19 Services

Open referral

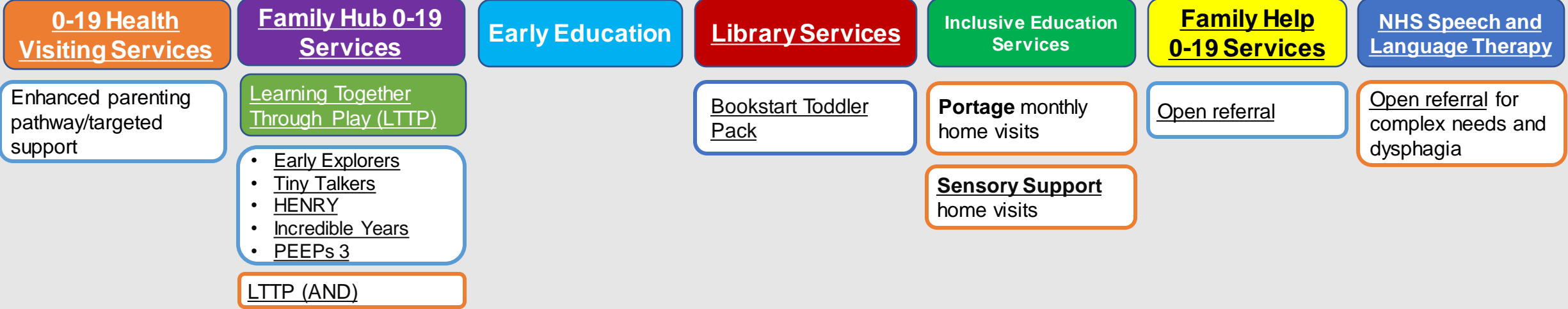
NHS Speech and Language Therapy

Open referral for complex needs and dysphagia

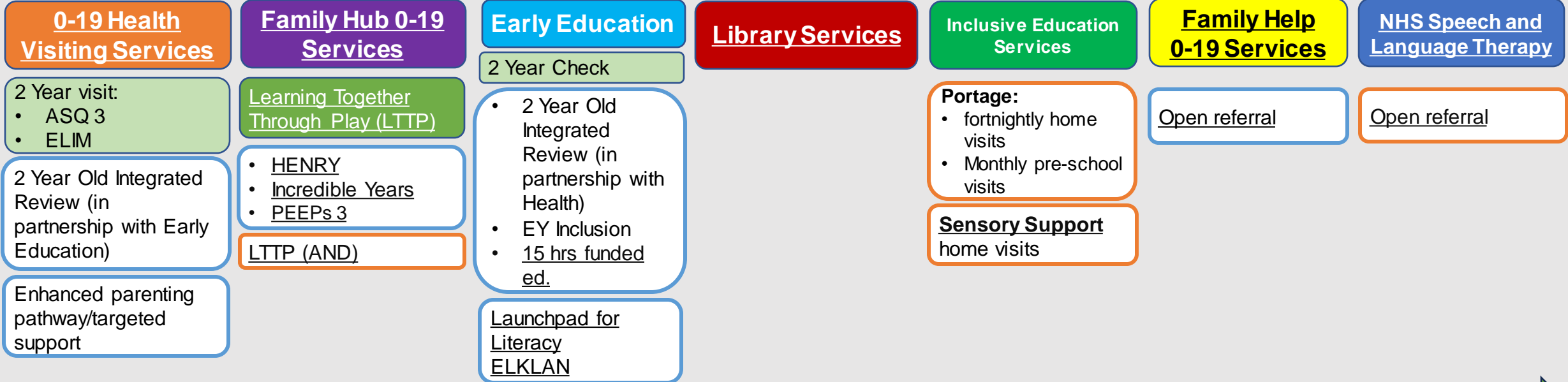
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12 Months to 24 Months



24 months to 36 Months



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3 to 4 years

0-19 Health Visiting Services

- Pre-school check
- Enhanced parenting pathway / targeted support

Family Hub 0-19 Services

Learning Together Through Play (LTTP)

- HENRY
- Incredible Years
- PEEPs 3

LTTP (AND)

Early Education

15/30 hours funded education

- Inclusion Support/ funding
- DAF
- EYPP

Launchpad for Literacy ELKLAN

Library Services

Bookstart Preschool Pack

Inclusive Education Services

Portage:

- Early Bird (in partnership with SALT)
- 6-week training programme
- Virtual workshop

Sensory Support

- Home visits
- Support in EY setting

EAL Support

Family Help 0-19 Services

Open referral

NHS Speech and Language Therapy

- Open referral
- Early Bird (in partnership with Portage)

4 to 5 years

0-19 Public Health Services

Referrals via Early Help Hub:

- Emotional wellbeing pillar
- Public health pillar

Family Hub 0-19 Services

Learning Together Through Play (LTTP)

- HENRY
- Incredible Years
- PEEPs 3

LTTP (AND)

Early Education

Reception year place at school

- Reception baseline
- EYFS Profile

Launchpad for Literacy ELKLAN

Library Services

Inclusive Education Services

Inclusion support:

- Autism
- Sensory support
- Emotional Well-Being and Behaviour
- Speech, Language and Communication

Family Help 0-19 Services

Open referral

NHS Speech and Language Therapy

Open referral

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Universal Services

Additional Resources and Further Information for Practitioners

[Ages and Stages Questionnaires](#)

[Healthy Families Northumberland](#)

[Northumberland School Readiness Passport](#)

[Best Start in Speech, Language and Communication](#)

[Help for Early Years Providers \(DfE\)](#)

[SLA Schools' Library Service](#)

[Early Language Identification Measure](#)

[Improving the Home Learning Environment](#)

[The Great North Early Years Stronger Practice Hub](#)

[Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) Statutory Framework](#)

[Northumberland Integrated Plan \(Conception to Age Five\)](#)

Universal Services

Additional Resources and Further Information for Families

[Baby Buddy App](#)

[Family Hubs:
Learning
Together
Through Play](#)

[Local Library
Events](#)

[BBC Tiny Happy
People](#)

[Healthy Families
Northumberland](#)

[Northumberland
Families
Information
Service](#)

[Better Health
Start for Life -
Learning to Talk](#)

[Hungry Little
Minds](#)

[15 Hour Funded
Education for
3&4 Year Olds](#)

[Borrowbox](#)

[Join Your Local
Library for Free
Access to Books](#)

[30 Hour Funded
Education for
3&4 Year Olds](#)

[Family Hub
Home Learning
App](#)

Targeted and Specialist Services

Additional Resources and Further Information For Practitioners

[Additional Funding for Early Years Providers](#)

[Family Hubs Northumberland](#)

[NASEN](#)

[Northumberland Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour Service](#)

[Northumberland Speech, Language and Communication Service](#)

[Bookstart](#)

[Intensive Interaction](#)

[National Autistic Society](#)

[Northumberland English as an Additional Language Service](#)

[Northumbria NHS Speech and Language Therapy](#)

[ELKLAN](#)

[Launchpad for Literacy](#)

[Northumberland Autism Service](#)

[Northumberland Sensory Support Service](#)

[Speech and Language UK](#)

[Family Help Northumberland](#)

[Makaton](#)

[Northumberland Early Years Ordinarily Available Provision](#)

[Northumberland Portage Service](#)

Targeted and Specialist Services

Resources and Further Information For Families

[Bookstart for Families](#)

[Family Hubs Northumberland](#)

[15 Hour Funded Education for Eligible 2 Year Olds](#)

[Contact: Early Years Support](#)

[National Autistic Society](#)

[Disability Living Allowance](#)

[Speech and Language UK](#)

[Family Help Northumberland](#)

[Toby Henderson Trust](#)