

The Speech & Language Therapist

The Speech and Language Therapist can advise you and others on ways to develop your child's communication skills including awareness of speech sounds, talking and signing skills and development of understanding of spoken language. The Therapists work closely with other professionals in a range of settings such as Early Years Centres and schools.

Contact: **Speech & Language Therapy Department**
Salford Royal Foundation Trust
Sandringham House
Castle Courts
Windsor Street
Salford M5 4DH

Telephone: **0161 212 4015/ 4037**
(Administration Team)

Fax: **0161 212 4051**

Website: **www.speakupsalford.nhs.uk**

Starting Life Well Service

The service provides support for families of pre-school children including those who have a child with developmental delay or special educational needs. They work in partnership with parents, supporting them in helping the child to progress developmentally. They also provide relevant information, resources and toys to the children and families that they visit. They support families during 'transition' to an Early Years placement.

Contact: **Starting Life Well Service**
Second Floor, Unity House
Swinton
M27 5AW

Telephone: **0161 909 6508**

Website: **www.salford.gov.uk/childcare-providers.htm**

Email: **slw@salford.gov.uk**

Sensory Disability Services

In addition to a Social Work Service for Deaf Adults the Sensory Disability Team also provides information and advice on all Deaf issues.

Assessment for equipment such as flashing light door systems, television listening devices, etc. is also available to all ages.

Contact: **Sensory Disability Service**
Burrows House
10 Priestley Rd
Wardley Industrial Estate
Worsley
M28 2LY

Telephone: **0161 9096517**

Fax: **0161 607 1412**

Text: **07970 134894 (text only-for deaf people)**

Minicom: **0161 9096527**

Email: **social.services@salford.gov.uk**

Website: **www.salford.gov.uk/sensoryservices.htm**

Salford's multi-agency family support services for babies and children with hearing loss

Now that you know your child has a hearing loss you may have lots of questions or be unsure of what happens next.

All of the following agencies are available to support your family, if appropriate. You may have met some of them already.

Please contact them if you'd like to talk or want further information about their service now or in the future.

Health Visitor

Health Visitors are registered nurses with additional specialised training

Every GP and every family with a child under 5 has a named Health Visitor who can advise on every day issues such as child development, healthy diet, minor illness, accident prevention, immunisation programmes and any other concerns you and your family may have regarding your pre-school child.

The Health Visiting team also offer services in local Children's Centres.

For further information please contact your local clinic, Doctor or Children's Centre

The Hearing Impairment Team

The Hearing Impairment Team is an educational Service, which offers a range of support to hearing-impaired children 0-19 years old and their families. Support can be given at home, at a pre-school parents' group, at nursery and at school. The Team offers information and training about hearing loss, management of hearing aids, encouraging and monitoring language development to parents and other professionals. They also provide direct teaching support where needed

Contact: **The Hearing Impairment Team**
Burrows House
10 Priestley Road
Wardley Industrial Estate
M28 2LY

Telephone: **0161 607 1691**
Fax: **0161 607 1699**

Children's Audiology Services

Audiology is concerned with the science of hearing, particularly diagnostic testing and hearing aid provision and management.

The department provides a multi-disciplinary approach to hearing screening of new-born babies, diagnostic hearing assessment, investigation of hearing loss, tinnitus, balance disorders and hearing aid provision and management.

Children who have temporary or permanent hearing loss are offered appropriate diagnostic and on-going management in a family friendly environment.

The hearing loss will be investigated for underlying cause and If required your child will be referred to other professionals.

Contact: **Audiology Administration Team**
Sentinel House,
Eccles
M30 0NJ

Telephone: **0161 212 5538**
(Appointments Co-ordinator)
0161 212 5599
(Audiology Secretary)

The Paediatrician

Paediatricians are specialist children's doctors. Community paediatricians have additional expertise in child development, behaviour and disability. A child is referred to the paediatricians when additional assessment or advice is required by other health professionals. Children are seen at local gateway or health centres in a dedicated children's clinic.

Contact : **The Community Paediatric Team,**
Sentinel House, Eccles, M30 0NJ

Telephone: **0161 212 5583**

Children With Disabilities Social Work Team

This is a jointly managed service which includes a Salford City Council specialist children's social work team, and a commissioned play and leisure service.

Both of these are for children with disabilities living in Salford between the ages of 1-18 years.

The team can also provide information and advice for parents undertaking a caring role and can sign post to other services in the wider community.

The play and leisure service is an out of school and holiday service that provides access to activities specifically for children with a disability as well as activities that can be enjoyed by all children.

Contact: **Children With Disabilities Team**
3rd Floor, Civic Centre
Swinton
M27 5DA

telephone: **0161 603 4500 (Duty Officer)**
Fax: **0161 728 6156**

The National Deaf Children's Society

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) is an organisation of families, parents and carers. The NDCS provides information, advice and support to deaf children and their families.

The NDCS use the term deaf to cover all forms of hearing loss. You can get information on a whole range of subjects from the NDCS Helpline or website or contact your Regional Officer.

NDCS

Tel/Fax: **0808 800 8880**
Website: **www.ndcs.org.uk**

Salford Deaf Children's Society

is a local group affiliated to the NDCS

Website: **www.salforddcs.co.uk**