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A brief update from Children's Speech & Language Therapy Services in Swindon

SERVICE REFERRALS

We accept referrals for **any child, of any age from 0 -18**. If the referral is accepted, the child will be seen for an assessment and a report will be provided to parents, the child's setting and any other agency involved, (with parental permission). Following assessment, the level and type of service that the child will receive will be discussed with you by the Speech and Language therapist. In order to refer a child you must:

- Follow our referral pathways. Click [here](#)
- Show evidence of a graduated response (We have lots of ideas about support that you can offer to evidence a graduated response [here](#))
- Complete a **referral form** and send with evidence of your graduated response.
- For children younger than 7, complete a **BRISC** and send this in with the referral form.
- Check out our **Screening and Referring workshops** for more information.

We have a number of traded interventions that schools can buy in which also give evidence of a graduated response. [Contact us to enquire further](#)

STAFFING NEWS

We have expanded our team of assistants over the last year and now have an amazing team of 7 Speech and Language support practitioners, who you will see out and about in settings and delivering some of our training:

Tamsin Clarke
Amy Habgood
Gaby Smith
Jo Griffiths
Chloe Harris (soon to be Nightingale)
Hannah Webb
Michelle Lester
Justyna Agacka



Supporting Referrals

- You need to show a graduated response for the child you are referring. For Early Years, take a look at the EY TOOLKIT, which provides you with the tools that you will need.
- Training around when and if to refer a child can be accessed by attending one of our "Screening and Referring" workshops (see below for next date)
- If you would like to discuss a child's needs and if referral is required, you can attend one of the early years drop in (info on the hub) or our school aged SENCO drop in sessions (see below for dates)



Wild in Art's first ever balloon dog sculpture is coming to Swindon during summer 2023.

More than 30 larger than life balloon dog sculptures – the Swindogs – are going to be unleashed by Julia's House Children's Hospice for The Big Dog Art Trail.

Where: Swindon
When: 15 July – 3 September 2023

This is a great opportunity to get Swindon talking- watch this space for activities and ideas to promote communication on the trail.



Dates for the Diary

- Screening and Referring to Speech and Language Therapy
Weds 21st June 2023, 09.30 -12.00
- Signalong Foundation stage (2 day course):
Wed, 07 and 14th Jun 2023, 09:30 - 16:30
- School SENCO drop ins (on TEAMS: email P@swindon.gov.uk to book)
May 24th – 14.00– 16.00
June 15th – 14.00 – 16.00
July 12th – 14.00 -16.00
- Signalong going to school :
Weds 12th July 2023 ,09.30 -12.30



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP CHECKING OUR PAGES ON THE LOCAL OFFER FOR FURTHER INFO AND ADVICE:

