



Links for support agencies for children with Special Educational Needs

Stockton United for Change -

Stockton United For Change (SUFC) are The Recognised Parent Carer Forum (PCF) for Stockton-On-Tees and was set up in 2008.

We are a group of parents & Carers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabled children aged 0-25 who work alongside our local authority, education, health service and other service providers to make sure the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children and families. We do this through active parent participation and ensuring parents have a voice.

<http://www.stocktonunitedforchange.co.uk/>

Daisy Chain

A Haven for families affected by Autism

<http://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/>

CAMHS

Child and adolescent mental health services

CAMHS address is Falcon Court, Preston Farm Industrial Estate, Stockton on Tees TS18 3TX. Telephone: 01642 878155.

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), part of the National Health Service (NHS), specialise in providing treatment and help for children and young people with emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties.

Kinds of problems CAMHS can help with include angry or violent behaviour, depression, eating difficulties, low self-esteem, anxiety, obsessions or compulsions, sleep problems, self-harming and the effects of abuse or traumatic events. CAMHS can also treat and diagnose serious mental health problems such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Speech and Language

Speech and language therapy

Good communication skills allow us to play our part in family, education, work and community life. Speech and language therapy supports people with communication difficulties to reach their potential.

We offer support to people of all ages: from newborn babies to children in school, and adults at all stages of life. As well as helping with communication we work with eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties.

Our friendly and highly skilled team of speech and language therapists and assistant practitioners provide support in a variety of settings. We aim to tailor our service around each individual and their needs. We work in clinics, schools, hospitals and clients' own homes across Easington, Hartlepool and Stockton.

As well as occurring on their own, these difficulties are common in children who have other diagnoses such as autism spectrum disorder, learning difficulties or cerebral palsy. Speech, language and communication needs might include difficulties in:

- making the sounds needed for your speech to be understood by other people
- putting words and sentences together to ask for something, tell a story or hold a conversation
- making sense of what other people say to you
- understanding and using body language and eye contact

A child or young person might also be:

- stammering, where sounds or words are repeated or a lot of effort is needed to produce them
- avoiding talking in certain situations
- speaking with a persistently unusual voice quality, which might sound croaky, breathy or hoarse

As well as working directly with children and young people we support their families and carers, their teachers and other adults around them. We aim to help children to develop their best possible communication skills, taking into account their individual abilities and needs.

We also aim to help educate the wider population to understand and promote children's language and communication development, and we provide training and support to a wide range of professionals who work with children.

[Information for parents and carers](#)

How to refer

We have an open referral service – this means that you can refer your child to us without going through school or your GP.

You can download our referral form below. Or contact us by phone to talk through your concerns.

[Download our referral form](#)

<http://www.nth.nhs.uk/services/speech-language-therapy/children/>