

Speech and Language Therapy



Who are we?

Speech and Language Therapist's (SLT's) are professionals who work with children, adolescents and adults with communication and swallowing disorders.

The SLT is involved in the assessment, diagnosis, intervention and management of individuals with communication and swallowing disorders.

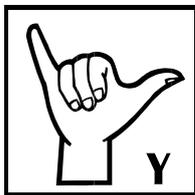
Who do we work with?

We work with children, adolescents and adults with special needs in communication. We also work closely with:

- parents, families and caregivers
- Teachers
- SNA's
- Interpreters
- Psychologists
- Other SLT's
- Allied Health Professionals e.g. occupational therapists, audiologists
- Doctors
- GP's
- Social workers



What work do SLT's do?



We work on:

- speech
- voice
- language
- social skills
- fluency (stammering, stuttering)
- problem solving
- literacy
- psychologically based communication disorders
- swallowing
- alternative and augmentative communication (AAC)



What is the role of the Speech and Language Therapist in the Schools for the Deaf?

The SLT is employed by the HSE LHO Dublin North West

The role of the SLT is in line with the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapy guidelines whereby

“To provide a speech and language therapy service which is accessible, equitable, transparent and effective, that means the specific communication needs of all children and adolescents with deafness/hearing impairment”

And it is in line with the vision statement of the SLT Department LHO Dublin North West whereby “everybody will have access to an SLT service that enables them to reach their communication potential.”

The role of the SLT includes:

- The assessment, diagnosis and management of children with speech, language and communication needs in the Schools for the Deaf
- Liaison with parents, teachers and other professionals e.g. Beaumont Cochlear Implant Department, visiting teachers for the Deaf, Psychologists, Audiologists etc
- Working closely with the teachers and other staff members within the schools
- Providing advice and support to other SLT's working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.
- Student SLT supervision
- Record keeping
- Individual 1:1 therapy
- Group therapy
- Advising and counselling carers
- Consultation
- Professional advice
- Learning and education
- Research
- Quality assurance
- Working within a team
- Advocacy

You may find further useful information on Speech and Language Therapy at www.iaslt.ie

Please do not hesitate to contact Deirdre Cunningham (Senior Speech and Language Therapist) at the school if you would like to discuss any communication issues.