**Which families should be signposted to the**

**Early Communication Support Team Advice Sessions?**

Unsure whether a child needs referral into the Speech and Language Therapy Service?

Do you feel a family need some advice early on?

Do you have families who have difficulty accessing services?

**These families may be supported by the Early Communication Support Team at their advice sessions at current Children’s Centre groups. The advice sessions are held in each children centre on a monthly basis.**

Examples of children who are appropriate for Early Communication Support Team advice sessions or other support:

Billy is two and he is using three or four single words. He is keen to communicate but becomes very frustrated as he has such a limited range of vocabulary.

Charlie is fourteen months, there is a family history of speech and language difficulties, parents are concerned that Charlie is not yet saying anything and are unsure how much he understands or how interested he is in communicating.

Samir is three years old. His parents speak English and Bengali at home. He is beginning to put three words together but his parents and nursery are concerned about his language development and the use of two languages.

Jayden is three years old and is on a CP plan. His understanding is limited and he uses two words together but is unable to have a conversation. The family have had difficulty accessing services.

**A wide range of children are suitable for Early Communication Support Team advice. If you are unsure please contact your local Early Communication Support Team Speech and Language Therapist:**

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