

[Speech and Language Therapy - adults - Bradford District Care NHS](#)

## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY ADULT COMMUNITY REFERRAL FORM: SWALLOWING & COMMUNICATION

**NB: Incomplete forms will be returned**

Please check first before completing our form- in case you need to refer to a different SLT service below:

**Adults with communication/swallowing difficulties who have a diagnosis of a Learning Disability: Concerns are primarily in relation to their Learning Disability.**

**Adult Learning Disability Team**  
Contact: Waddiloves Health Centre  
01274 497 121.

**Adults with communication/swallowing difficulties admitted to the Inpatient Mental health wards; Lynfield Mount Hospital and Airedale Centre for Mental Health.**

**Inpatient Mental Health Team**  
Contact: Speech and Language Admin Hub:  
01274 221166  
E-referral on SystemOne

**Adults with a stammer, if it is impacting on well-being:** including referrals for people with adult onset stammering that has been caused by recent onset neurological changes such as Functional Neurological Disorder, Stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Parkinsons Disease

**Stammering Specialist Therapist**  
Contact: Speech and Language Admin Hub:  
01274 221166  
E-referral on SystemOne

**Adults with Voice Issues**

**Voice Specialist Therapist**

- Patients with a Voice Issue are required to have had a laryngeal examination within the last 12 months.  
Please refer via GP to local ENT service if needed.
- If a laryngeal examination has taken place, please use the Voice Therapy Referral Form or refer via E-referral on SystemOne.

**The following problems are NOT suitable for referral to our service:**

<b>Communication problem</b>	<b>Services that may be able to help</b>
Adults with communication difficulties secondary to Autism who do not have a learning disability	Contact local Autism services <a href="http://www.specialistautismservices.org/our-services/">http://www.specialistautismservices.org/our-services/</a> or the National Autistic Society <a href="https://www.autism.org.uk/">https://www.autism.org.uk/</a>
Adults who have had dyslexia since childhood	Contact local adult dyslexia services or charities such as <a href="http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/">www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/</a>
Adults with speech difficulties resulting from hearing loss	Refer to Sensory Needs Team, Morley Street. 01274 435001
Adults requiring input for confidence building, social skills, or public speaking	Referrals for confidence building may be accepted in the mental health service
Adults with childhood speech difficulties (e.g. lisps) who were discharged as children as optimum was reached.	No current NHS provision
<b>Swallowing Problem</b>	<b>Action required</b>
Person not following SLT advice and a) Has capacity to make this decision or b) GP/Medical team has agreed this is in their best interests	Further SLT input is not indicated. Person's wishes/best interest must be respected
Person already on safest possible consistencies of food and drink	Further SLT input not indicated. GP/Medical team may consider enteral feeding
Person has food/drink with acknowledged risk of aspiration (Eating and Drinking at Risk (EDAR) /pragmatic feeding)	Further SLT input not indicated at this stage Please re-refer if the EDAR decision changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individualised cases considered if full assessment and discussion not completed in acute setting, please provide full details below.</li> </ul>
Difficulty swallowing tablets only	GP/Pharmacist review
Low appetite or food/drink refusal with no concerns of swallowing difficulty	GP/Dietician review
<b>Food pipe related swallowing problems only</b> (oesophageal dysmotility, achalasia)	GP/Gastroenterology review
Difficulties chewing food due to condition of teeth / dentures only	GP/Dentist review
Difficulties due to dry mouth / excess saliva / oral thrush only	GP/Prescriber review

Consent - if this is not filled out correctly it will be returned to the sender	
Has the person given their informed consent to this referral?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lack of capacity to consent:</b>	
Does the person currently lack capacity to give informed consent?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If person lacks capacity has the next of kin been informed	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of person informed: _____	Relationship: _____
Please explain why this referral is considered to be in the person's best interests:	
Consent to Share Information	
Can we share information with other healthcare services e.g. GP, district nurse, dietitians and contact them about the person's care?	
Yes, with consent <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, best interests <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Referrer and GP details	
Date of referral:	
GP name:	GP address:
GP Contact number:	
Referrer (if not the GP)	
Name:	Job title:
Base:	Contact :
Is the GP aware of this referral? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please note it is the referrer's responsibility to ensure the GP is aware of this referral.	

Patient information			
Surname		Title	
Forename(s)		Date of birth	
Contact number		NHS number	
Gender	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Not disclosed <input type="checkbox"/>		
Preferred Pronoun	He/him <input type="checkbox"/> She/her <input type="checkbox"/> They/them <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Address			
	Lives alone <input type="checkbox"/>	Lives with:	
Carer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Carer's name:	Carer contact number:	
Communication	First language:	Interpreter required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the person Housebound?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail:		
Able to connect via video consultation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail:		

<b>Referral information</b>
<p><b>Primary medical diagnosis (e.g. Stroke, Parkinson's Disease)</b></p>  <p><b>Is this person having an active mental health episode or under Psychiatry/ Older People's Mental Health?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Relevant brief medical history (e.g. recent hospital admissions, surgery to mouth, throat)</b> (Please do not attach full patient summary)</p>  <p><b>Is this person on the palliative/Fastrack pathway?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Specific Reason for referral e.g. new assessment of swallowing/communication, support with MCA Assessment</b></p>          
<b>Previous SLT input</b>
<p><b>When:</b></p>    
<p><b>Reason and Outcome:</b></p>          

**SWALLOWING (if no swallow concerns, please complete communication section below (GREEN))**

**Does the person:**

**Feed themselves?** Independently ☐ With support ☐ Fully supported ☐

**Have problems with drinks?** Yes ☐ No ☐

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have problems with food?** Yes ☐ No ☐

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

**What signs of aspiration have you noticed?**

Coughing ☐ Wet voice ☐ Eye watering ☐ Red face ☐

**How often does this happen?**

Every meal/drink ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Infrequently ☐

**Has the person choked on food i.e. when the windpipe is blocked requiring back slaps or abdominal thrusts? (Different to coughing)**

Yes ☐ Near miss ☐ No ☐

**If yes / near miss please give details e.g. how many times, what with?**

**Has the person had chest infections requiring antibiotics?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**If yes, is aspiration a suspected cause?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**How often does this happen?**

Recently ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐

**Weight**

**Has the person lost weight in last 6 months?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**If yes, is the weight loss**

Gradual significant amount ☐ Minimal ☐

**Are swallowing problems the suspected cause?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure ☐

**Other concerns**

**Positioning: When eating/drinking does the person struggle to sit upright? (e.g. hold their head up?)** Yes ☐ No ☐

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Has the person had previous SALT input?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>IF YES – What is the existing SLT advice?</b> <b>DRINKS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal drinks (no thickener) <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 1 Slightly thick <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 2 Mildly thick <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 3 Moderately thick <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 4 Extremely thick	<b>FOOD</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 7 Regular diet <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 7 Easy Chew <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 6 Soft and bite size <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 5 Minced and Moist <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 4 Puree <input type="checkbox"/> IDDSI Level 3 Liquidised
<b>Is the person following their plan/advice?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>COMMUNICATION</b> <b>Does the person:</b>	
<b>Have problems understanding what is being said to them?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____	
<b>Have slurred or unclear speech?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____	
<b>Jumble words up?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____	
<b>Have problems choosing words or making sentences?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____	
<b>Have problems reading &amp; writing associated with their diagnosis?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (i.e. not pre-existing)? Details: _____	
<b>Does the person gesture, point or use a communication aid to be understood?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Details: _____	
<b>Can the person be understood by:</b> Everyone <input type="checkbox"/> Familiar people only <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does the communication problem prevent the person from going about their daily life?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Email referrals to Fax-HPK.Admin-Hub@bdct.nhs.uk subject “SALT Referral” or complete via an E-referral on SystmOne**