Speech and Language Therapy Service
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

"Changing the lives of children and young people with communication difficulties"

SERVICE UPDATE FOR SCHOOLS

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust are working together to provide an integrated and equitable model of care for speech and language therapy across the county.

The transition to the new model is already underway and we are contacting you to outline what this means for your school.

What does this mean for Schools?

We will continue to work together providing the best support that is tailored to each child and their environment. There will be an increase in support for SENCOs as we look to introduce the request for involvement form.

What is the "request for involvement form"?

The "request for involvement form" asks detailed questions about a child's history, environment and development. It provides our Speech and Language Therapists with important context so they can give the best support.

When it is decided a child needs more support, this form is to be completed and discussed with the school's link Speech and Language Therapist. Once completed, this form will allow the school, therapist and family to determine the next steps in the child's care.

Why will this help?

There will be more targeted support and help for SENCOs allowing our therapists to be fully involved but cause very little disruption to a child's routine.

By working together, school staff will gain the knowledge and confidence to try different approaches and techniques whilst a child is still in a familiar environment. This will help ensure that children who need more support from the Speech Language Therapy Service receive it.

This joint approach will not only help schools provide better support for the children and young people they currently look after, but will ensure their future students are well supported within the school environment.

To download the latest "request for involvement form" please visit: **bit.ly/cambscyp-portal** or simply Google **cambs or peterborough speech and language portal**.

What should you do for more information?

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the service on: 01733 847166 (for Peterborough), 01480 418673 (for Fenland and Huntingdon) or 01223 884494 (for Cambridge & East Cambs).