



Therapy in Praxis

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THERAPY IN PRAXIS

The Role of the Speech and Language Therapist

...developing abilities for all children with needs

Therapy in Praxis aims to support the team around the child. We recognise just how important it is for a child to experience success and for the well-being of the family and support system to be able to see measurable changes in every area of the child's life.

We have found this comprehensive approach leads to lasting results not only in a therapeutic setting but also in the child's natural 'teaching' environments, home, school and community.

The Speech and Language Therapist

The Speech and Language Therapist can provide appropriate assessment, advice and intervention for any impairment of speech, language or communication which may occur due to a developmental delay or specific disorder or be acquired through injury or a degenerative process.

Areas which may be affected are as follows:

- Verbal comprehension understanding of spoken language
- Verbal expression and use of spoken language, i.e. vocabulary, sentence structure/meaning
- Intelligibility of speech, use of speech sounds, prosody, i.e. intonation
- Fluency of speech
- Oral-motor control for speech – verbal dyspraxia where the child has difficulties in making and coordinating the precise movements necessary for the production of spoken language, in the absence of neural or muscular damage
- Associated language areas: symbolic development
- Auditory memory & processing
- Communication skills: use of interactive verbal and non-verbal skills e.g. use of gesture, facial expressions
- Contribution to the assessment and treatment of feeding difficulties

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Children who present to a Speech and Language Therapist may have a speech disorder which is not straight forward, and progress from therapy may often slow; often their presentation is inconsistent and difficult to diagnose. The role of our Speech and Language Therapist within the team is to identify communication or speech production difficulties, and address these in a holistic manner, using a Total Communication Approach.