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Dear Early Years and Key Stage 1 Practitioners

## Re: NEW SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CHECKLIST TO INFORM REFERRAL

Please find attached a checklist to inform whether a referral to the Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service in Cumbria is appropriate at a variety of ages from 0 to 7 years.

This should be used in conjunction with your own observations and discussion with the parents/carers about the child.

## Please be aware that the checklist is not a list of what is expected at each age but it is a baseline to help inform when a referral to specialist services might be appropriate.

The Speech and Language Therapy Teams in your area are available to discuss appropriateness of referral if you have questions or concerns. They can be contacted as follows:-

Carlisle and Eden – 01228 608117 Barrow and South Lakes – 01229 841315 01539 715226

Allerdale and Copeland - 01900 705080

We hope you find the checklist useful alongside your own assessments and would welcome feedback if you encounter any problems.

## Cumbria Children's Speech and Language Therapy Teams