

# Get involved in our Early Talk for York approach

Helping improve children's speech, communication and language skills



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## It's easy to take part:

### STEP 1

- Screening all children annually using the WellComm Toolkit and sharing this data with the Local Authority (LA).
- Regularly attend network meetings with a focus on improving children's speech, language and communication skills.
- Work in partnership with parents/carers to support the wider development of children's speech, language and communication skills.

### STEP 2

- As step 1 plus,
- Work in partnership with parents/carers to support the wider development of children's speech, language and communication skills, providing resources and information for parents/carers to support their children's development.
- Majority of your team complete a comprehensive training package from the Speech and Language Hub OR have at least one practitioner with a Level 3 or higher qualification in early speech, communication and language.

### STEP 3

- As step 1 plus,
- Work in partnership with parents/carers and partner organisations to support the wider development of children's speech, language and communication skills, providing resources, information and opportunities for parents/carers discuss and explore ways they can support their child's development.
- At least 10% of practitioners with a Level 3 or higher qualification in early speech, language and communication.
- Accredited whole team training in speech, language and communication that spans at least two terms. Whole setting practice validated by an independent audit process.
- Ongoing direct engagement (at least termly) with specialist speech and language professionals.
- A relentless focus on speech, language and communication as a top priority that impacts on whole of life outcomes.
- Peer and social support and accountability on delivering the above.

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