

Early Talk for York Roadmap

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Core activities

Within this section you can find all the opportunities for the core activity related to Early Talk for York to help you achieve the 3-step approach. All settings and schools will work at either Step 1, Step 2 or Step 3. This document sets out what additional support and resources are available as they progress through the steps.

Early Childhood Education Providers

Aspects of Early Talk for York to help you achieve the 3 step model.

Step 1

- **City-wide WellComm rollout:** use the WellComm Toolkit to universally screen all children and respond accordingly. Submit this data to the LA annually.
- **Network:** join the Early Talk for York Network meetings to share experiences and good practice with other practitioners and settings.
- **Train new starters:** ensure that new members of your team access WellComm training sessions provided by ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team.
- **Look Say Sing Play (LSSP) for all under 2s:** use activities from LSSP with children and make resources available to families to use at home. Encourage families to sign up to the weekly tips from LSSP.

Step 2

Step 1 plus:

- **Train practitioners:** train at least one practitioner to Level 2 or 3 in Speech and Language Support for Early Years

Step 3

Steps 1 and 2 plus:

- **Train practitioners:**
  - Access Level 3 accredited training for 10% of your team.
  - Access Level 4 training and complete cascade training to achieve Communication Friendly Setting status.
  - Complete renewal of Communication Friendly Setting status every 3 years.
- **Engage with support offered by ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team**
- **Return WellComm rescreen data annually in July to track progress**

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ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team

You can draw upon the support of our dedicated Speech and Language Specialist Team, which includes Speech and Language Therapists (SALTs)

Step 1

- **WellComm Training Offer:** the ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team offers 'New to WellComm' training available to all staff carrying out WellComm screens
- **WellComm workshops:** The ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team offers a range of WellComm workshops to support with successful delivery of the WellComm toolkit

Step 2

- The ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team can advise on how practitioners in settings or childminders can access accredited Level 2 or 3 training in Speech and Language Support in Early Years

Step 3

- **Bespoke access:** all providers have access to a named member of the ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team to provide advice and support to maintain best practice
- **Enhanced Support:** the ETFY Speech and Language Specialist Team can offer enhanced support from our Speech and Language Therapy Assistant on a case by case basis
- **Additional Requests**: additional training or advice requests are available by discussion on a case by case basis

Wrap around support

We know from our evaluation that the Early Talk for York approach works best where wrap around support is fully utilised. In this section we detail the breadth of opportunities available for this support.

Early Years and Childcare Quality Improvement Team and Schools

The Early Years and Childcare Quality Improvement Team and School Inclusion Team provide a graduated approach to quality improvement, ensuring that all providers receive the right level of support at the right time. Support is tailored to the needs of individual settings and focused on securing the best outcomes for children.

Step 1

- **Access to a named Quality Improvement Adviser or School Inclusion Adviser**
- **Quality improvement newsletters, updates and information briefings.**
- **Access to the WellComm Toolkit in the community.**
- **Support following an Ofsted inspection where concerns have been identified.**
- **Access for targeted settings and schools to "Supporting Communication in Early Years" Training**

Step 2

Step 1 plus:

- **Additional support will be provided to settings identified through self-evaluation to ensure WellComm is consistently embedded within daily practice.**

Step 3

Steps 1 and 2 plus:

- **Work collaboratively with providers and the Early Talk for York Speech and Language Specialist Team building on strengths, celebrating success and ensuring every child benefits from high-quality early education and childcare**

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Family Learning

Family Learning support the Early Talk for York approach and you can collaborate with the team.

Step 1

Family Learning: the 'Early Start' programme is available to support families with the Look Say Sing Play activities.

Step 2

Family Learning: tutors from Family Learning can be embedded in schools to provide focused support for families.

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Healthy Child Service

The Healthy Child Service supports the Early Talk for York approach and you can collaborate with the team.

Step 1

- **Healthy Child Service:** this service uses the Early Language Identification Measure to screen all children during 2 to 2.5 year review.
- **Consistency:** the Healthy Child Service also uses the WellComm Toolkit with families to support intervention.
- **Collaboration:** the Healthy Child Service and settings across York will be in regular contact through named professionals.

Step 2

- **Support in the home:** the Healthy Child Service work directly with families to support the home environment including where identified through Early Talk for York.
- **Integrated Support:** the Healthy Child Service and Settings with 2 year olds will carry out integrated review meetings for children and families who would most benefit.

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NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service

The local Speech and Language Therapy Team at York & Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust supports ETFY

Step 1

- **Universal screening:** universally screening children using the WellComm toolkit supports practitioners to identify and respond to specific areas of need, and to determine if a referral to the NHS Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) service is needed.

Step 2

- **Information, Advice and Training:** advice, resources and training packages are available for parents/carers, health and education staff on SALT website.

Step 3

- **Direct engagement with SALT Service:** you can contact the service directly via the Request for Help Line if you continue to have concerns about a child after following advice at Steps 1 and 2.

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Peer Support

Peer to peer support can contribute to achieving the Early Talk for York approach.

Step 1

Network: make sure you are part of an existing local network to share good practice. For example, Neighbourhood Partnerships, Leaders and Manager networks, Childminder forums, SENDCo network.

Step 2

Focus your network: increase the focus of speech, language and communication in your network by ensuring it is always a top priority for sharing good practice support.

Step 3

Early Talk for York network meetings: be an active participant in the Early Talk for York network meetings.

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Support from University Students

The University of York support the Early Talk for York Approach through their 'Student in Schools' programme.

Step 1

Student Volunteers: Contact York Students in Schools at University of York (ysis@york.ac.uk) for specially trained volunteers to support with WellComm. Students are allocated twice per year.

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我們也用您們的語言提供這個信息 **(Cantonese)**

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