

Community Support: Local services which can support families with the development of children's speech, language, and communication skills. They provide opportunities to meet other parents/carers to talk about parenting and wellbeing as well as providing the child space to play and interact with others.

Intended outcome of support	Area	Provision	How is contact made with the family?	What to expect	Who is it for?	Who you'll meet	Contact information	Referral on/Escalation/Action
My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	3rd Sector	Private and Voluntary Parent and Toddler Groups	Parent/Carer visits Play Group	Parent and toddler groups provide great opportunities for helping children to develop their speech, language, and communication skills. Singing and play activities are all great for helping speech, language, and communication skills to develop. Early years activities often have a speech, language, and communication focus as this is such an important part of early development.	Pre-school children	Other parent/carers	Web search, Poster in community setting e.g. Health Centre, Church, Library	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development
My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	3rd Sector	Homestart	Phone Call	Homestart is a charitable organisation that helps to increase confidence and independence of families, by visiting them in their own homes to offer support, friendship, and practical assistance. A Homestart volunteer can support families to attend services and groups that support their child's speech, language and communication development.	Parents/carers	Home Start Volunteer	www.home-start.org.uk/home-start-leeds	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development
My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust	Mindwell	Phone, email, letter	When adults talk with children effectively, e.g., follow the lead of the child, elaborate on what they say, ask questions, share rhymes or songs or books, children are given the best start in developing the communication skills they need to succeed at school. If issues with mental health affect the caregivers ability to communicate with and respond to their child, the Mindwell website can provide information about support in the city and different ways to take care of mental wellbeing	Parents/carers	Various	www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development
I am able and confident to develop and maintain meaningful relationships. My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	Leeds City Council	Libraries Offer	Parent/Carer visits Library	Access to free safe and accessible community library spaces for children and families to enjoy books and reading related events and activities. Free access to a wide range of children's books covering a range of genres, e.g., stories in rhyme, traditional stories, counting books, simple non-fiction for learning about the world, books reflective of different cultures and lifestyles, books to help with special situations, e.g. going to hospital Bounce and Rhyme – introducing rhymes to share with babies aged 0-12 months, introduces Makaton. Pilot session running at Central Library and to be rolled out across the city Story and Rhyme sharing stories and rhymes with children aged 12 months – 3 years. Takes place at all libraries One off Events and Activities – we have an ongoing programme of events and activities such as theatre productions with specialist children's companies, e.g., Tutti Frutti	Pre-school children	Library service staff, other parents/carers	www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/your-library	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development
I am able and confident to develop and maintain meaningful relationships.	Leeds City Council	Libraries: Promotions & Challenges	Parent/Carer visits Library	Promotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Photo booth – free photo and a print for a small charge on second visit Congratulations on the birth of your baby card from the library service at registration of birth of a baby Newsletter for children and families with information about all events bit.ly/CFLibrariesNewsletter Bookstart – we co-ordinate the Book start scheme across all the different offers and will be gifting the baby pack through the registrars Ready Steady Readers Challenge – a simple challenge to encourage regular library visits, each time a child visits the library they get a star, after 6 visits they get a certificate. The child is gifted a special booklet to collect their stars and the booklet has positive messages and tips about reading with your child for parents	Pre-school children	Library service staff, other parents/carers	www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/your-library	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development

Intended outcome of support	Area	Provision	How is contact made with the family?	What to expect	Who is it for?	Who you'll meet	Contact information	Referral on/Escalation/Action
My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	Leeds City Council	Libraries: Story Bus	Parent/Carer visits Library	Story buses The Story Buses offers are mobile libraries designed specifically for children. They are a treasure trove of books, toys, and hidey holes for small children to curl up and read with a book. The Story Buses visit Early Years settings across Leeds during term time, with a priority on underserved community, including children's centres, nurseries, Early Years Foundation Stage within schools. Within this programme we have open stops too at places such as parks and playgrounds. Over weekends and school holidays we attend lots of community galas and festival.	Pre-school children	Library service staff, other parents/carers	www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/your-library	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development
I am able and confident to develop and maintain meaningful relationships. My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	Leeds City Council	Leeds Children's Centres – Little Owls Nurseries	Parent/Carer visits Children's Centre	There are 56 Childrens centres in Leeds who offer range of support for children and families (Under 5). Any parent can pop into the local children centre to see what the offer is. Little Owls nurseries – 28 nurseries available across Leeds, working closely with Children Centres to deliver a comprehensive offer. Library Links: Story Bus- This is offered from a number of Children Centres / Little Owls site by the library service. Book start packs- Given to a targeted group of children (3-4 years) including additional packs for children with additional needs. (related above) PEEP- Communication and language programme - Parents can access PEEP through their local centre but not available in every centre although keen to embed this further. Childcare Offer- Parents can access and find out more about the childcare offer in their area by calling or dropping into a centre or equally by calling the Family Information Service. Stay and Play- Delivered by the majority of Centres across a variety of settings. Baby Massage and Understanding your baby- Delivered in centres targeted at those areas with high levels of need. Community Hubs: Hubs are in all areas of the city and offer welfare support, employment support, and other group support. It varies from centre to centre depending on needs. Some hubs also deliver the health holidays programme (HAF).	Pre-school children	Family Outreach worker, Children Centre staff, parents/carers	www.littleowlsleeds.co.uk	Promote Online and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development. Implement Focused support prior to referring on for specialist support.
I am able and confident to develop and maintain meaningful relationships. My parents/carers understand my needs and are equipped to support my speech, language, communication and social skills development.	Private Sector	Private, Voluntary and Independent Childcare providers	Parent/Carer to contact the provision directly	Free Early Education Entitlement sessions (FEEE) which is funded by the local authority is available from many private and voluntary early years settings including nurseries and child minders	Pre-school children	Childcare staff	https://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk/	Promote Online, community and Support For All services where there are concerns regarding about speech, language or communication development. Implement Focused support prior to referring on for specialist support.