SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION CAPACITY

A National Asset
EXPENDITURE ASSOCIATED WITH UNDER DEVELOPED SLC CAPACITY FOR SCOTLAND (set out in 2016-17 Draft Budget)

- Health Improvement & Health Inequalities: £89.9 million
- Mental Health Improvement & Service Delivery: £38.2 million
- Learning & Support: £36.7 million
- Fair Work, Skills & Training: £252.5 million

The lifetime cost of a single generation of young people failing to get regular employment is estimated to be £2 billion. (Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy 2012)
HOW TO GROW NATIONAL ASSETS BY BREAKING THE INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLE OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION NEEDS

All relevant agencies involved in the cycle work collaboratively to:

1. Identify and respond effectively to parents’ speech, language and communication needs and preferences – mainstreaming quality inclusive communication approaches throughout public services.

2. Boost early years speech, language and communication provision for today’s babies and toddlers and their parents by securing stronger SLC building competences throughout child health, education and care workforces.

3. Boost SLC capacity of Scotland’s next generation of parents who are already accessing primary, secondary, tertiary education; youth justice services; youth employment services and children and young people’s mental health services.

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