Partnerships in Practice

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North Yorkshire County Council commissioned the provision of speech and language therapy from HDFT NHS. Previously a three year funded project from Nov. 2013-2016, YJS and No Wrong Door extended to 2020. Additional from 2017- SEMH and Leaving Care.
Aims and Outcomes of YCT

To identify young people who may have Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

If a need is identified the SLT will provide:

• Advice.

• Direct therapy where appropriate.

• Training to develop skills in the workforce in identifying and meeting communication needs of the young person.
How Many Have Speech, Language or Communication Needs?

TOTAL YP ASSESSED (126)

- Yes SLCN 64:
  - 49%

- No SLCN 62:
  - 51%

YP WITH SLCN WHO HAVE HAD PREVIOUS SLT

- YES PREVIOUS SLT (11):
  - 8%

- NO PREVIOUS SLT (120):
  - 92%
How does it work?

• Work with children in care/on the edge of care.

• Embedded in Children’s Home.

• Provide outreach.
What do we do?

- Relationship building.
- Screening.
- Identification of SLCN.
- Advice/recommendations.
- Therapy.
- Input to ETE.
- Easy-read information.
- 1:1 communication support.
- Maximise communication environment.
What have we found?

- Poor comprehension
- Memory and Processing difficulties
- Vocabulary delay
- Pragmatic problems
Any Questions?