Vulnerable young people involved with the Youth Support Team and/or the Criminal Justice system are more likely to have DLD and less likely to be diagnosed. Therefore we work to:

- raise awareness on SLCN
- enable adults to change their way they interact
- provide visually supported material
- support staff to be more effective in their work with young people
- Provide intervention with young people when required

We need to develop more universal support, as the numbers are so significant. We are going to be targeting custody and liaison and diversion: developing resources to

- support understanding of the process custody
- support for telling their story, support for understanding and expressing themselves in this stressful situation

What do we do?

- Communication is crucial
- Strategy for system change
- Support that makes an impact

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Evidence of impact

- Rate of referrals have increased
- More staff are considering the way they speak to young people
- More written material is being made accessible
- More staff are considering the possibility of difficulties with speech, language and communication,
- Feedback that strategies used increase engagement
- Additional funding for SALT has increased from 0.8 to 1.8 and an additional post is likely.