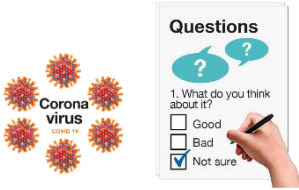


# Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) – survey on people’s access to speech and language therapy during lockdown



RCSLT did a survey about the impact of lockdown from **March to June 2020**



There were over **500** responses from people who have speech and language therapy (SLT) support



**100** about adult speech and language therapy



**400** about children’s speech and language therapy



## Good things we found out



People said **SLT makes their lives** and the lives of their carers **better**



Some people **continued to have SLT** during lockdown



Some people **liked SLT** on the **phone** and **online/video**



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**Bad things we found out**



People had **less speech and language therapy** during lockdown



People had **no SLT** during lockdown



Some people who had **SLT** over the **phone** and **online/video** did **not like it** or **could not do it**



**The impact**



**Impact on communication and swallowing**

People said their **communication** and **swallowing** either stayed **the same** or **got worse**

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## Impact on adults’ lives



People **aged 18 and over** told us having **less** speech and language therapy was **bad** for their:



- mental health



- social life and friendships



- home and domestic life

## Impact on children and young people’s lives



People aged **0-18** told us having **less** speech and language therapy was **bad** for their:



- education

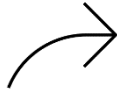


- social life and friendships



- mental health

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## The future



People are **worried about** getting SLT in **the future**:

## What needs to happen



Speech and language therapy during and beyond COVID-19: building back better with people who have communication and swallowing needs



The survey report includes **policy recommendations**.



It asks for **better access to speech and language therapy**



It asks for **more support** for people with **communication and swallowing needs**



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## Support from other organisations

83 organisations wrote to the Prime Minister in March



They **support** our policy **recommendations**

## How you can help

#BuildBackBetterSLT

**DEAR PRIME MINISTER,**  
*We urge you to build back better with people who have communication and swallowing needs.*

Find out more here: [bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT](https://bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT)

- You can **write to the Prime Minister**

#BUILDBACKBETTERSLT

I pledge to work for better lives for people with communication and swallowing needs.

For more information see: [bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT](https://bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT)

- You can **pledge to work for better lives** for people with communication and swallowing needs.

#BUILDBACKBETTERSLT

I support better lives for my constituents with communication & swallowing needs - so I support #BuildBackBetterSLT!

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- You can **express public support** using #BuildBackBetterSLT

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## More information

For more information:



- Visit [bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT](https://bit.ly/BuildBackBetterSLT)



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