

Child Poverty Strategy – RCSLT response

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The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists welcomes the Government's [Child Poverty Strategy](#), and the plans set out in [Our Children, Our Future: Tackling Child Poverty](#), including the boosting of family income and reducing costs.

We also welcome the proposals to strengthen local support for families, including through strengthening NHS services and the roll out of Best Start Family Hubs.

As part of a coalition of 40+ organisations, we were pleased to send [written evidence to the Government](#). The RCSLT was also pleased to discuss the issues with officials and is grateful to those speech and language therapists who supported us at the meeting.

As [the coalition](#) said, ensuring equal access to support for speech, language, and communication skills must be a part of the Government's plans.

The Government has recognised that the strategy is only the first step. So, as it takes forward its Child Poverty Strategy, we urge it to ensure that:

1. services and support for children and young people's speech, language and communication are accessible to families living in poverty; and
2. services and policies to tackle child poverty are accessible to those with communication disability, difference and difficulty, including families.