

# **A Journey Towards Maximum Impact:**

## **Development and implementation of an evidence-based early language clinical pathway across Wales.**

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A cross clinical group of Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs) and Assistants (SLTAs) across Wales have co-produced an evidence based pathway to maximise the impact of intervention for preschool children with language difficulties from referral through to discharge.

# Wales



# Rationale

Early intervention is key to improving outcomes for children with language difficulties (Law *et al*, 2013)

## The 4 principles of prudent healthcare

Public and professionals  
are **EQUAL PARTNERS**  
through **CO-PRODUCTION**



**CARE FOR** those with  
the greatest health need  
**FIRST**



Do only **WHAT IS NEEDED**



Reduce  
**INAPPROPRIATE  
VARIATION**



through **EVIDENCE-BASED**  
approaches

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To develop and implement an all *Wales Early Language Pathway (WELP)*.

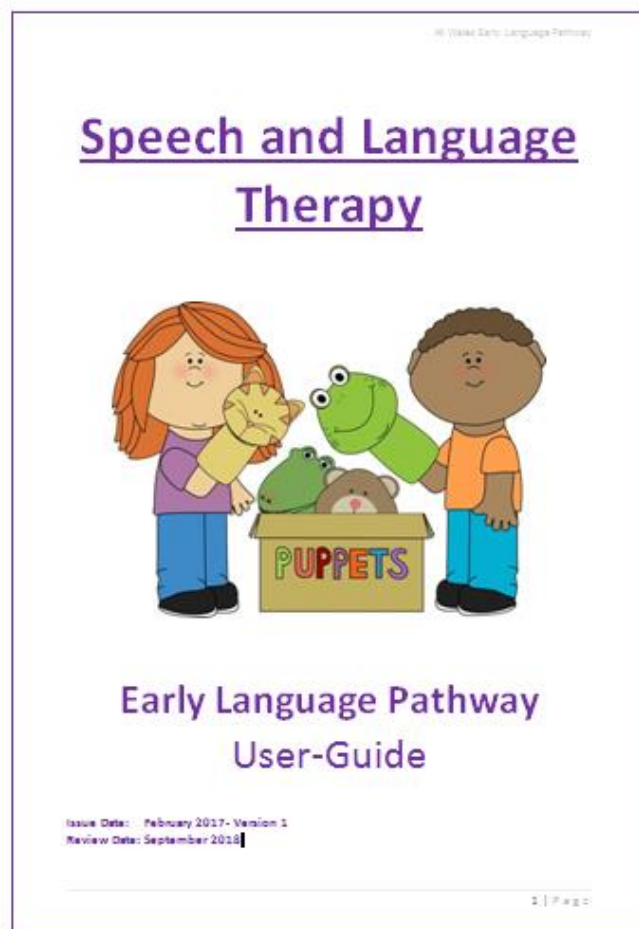
To provide clinicians with evidence-based guidance for clinical decision making, from referral to discharge within Specialist NHS Wales SLT services.

A systematic review and critical appraisal of the literature identified the following key themes:

- Assessment
- Risk factors for persistence
- Interventions
- Outcome measures

# Pathway





- National impact
- Service impact
- Individual impact

The *WELP* is a working document to be reviewed annually considering the evolving evidence base.

An audit tool is being developed to monitor the impact at a national, service and individual level.

- Challenges
- Success
- Reflections

# Questions

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