

# The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on speech and language therapy

## What is the survey about?

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The RCSLT has developed [a survey](#) to explore the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on speech and language therapy, the individuals it serves and provision of services. The survey is aimed at practising members across the UK.

The survey is intended to help the RCSLT understand how we can support our members, and to provide the evidence we need to influence decision makers.

The deadline for responding is **5pm on Monday 7 September**.

## Do I need to obtain any specific information about my service in order to complete the survey?

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Some of the questions in the survey will require you to provide data. Before starting the survey, we suggest that you have the following information to hand, where possible:

- Any evidence, data or feedback from other professionals, your clients or their families and/or carers about the impact of the pandemic on your clients
- An estimate of the percentage of individuals on your caseload who would usually receive intervention but have not done so since the outbreak of COVID-19
- An estimate of the percentage of your caseload who have received services via telehealth since April

For service managers/clinical leads/heads of service, we suggest that it is helpful to obtain the following information in advance of completing the survey:

- Referral data for April - May 2019, June - July 2019, April - May 2020, June - July 2020
- Demographic data and incidence and prevalence rates for communication and swallowing difficulties of the population you serve for April - May 2019, June - July 2019, April - May 2020, June - July 2020

**Please note:** If you are unable to provide exact data, please provide approximate figures.

## How long will it take?

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We estimate that it will take you approximately 15-20 minutes to complete the survey. It may take service managers and clinical leads 25-30 minutes.