

Speech & Language Therapy

Speech and Language therapists within the Community Stroke Team look to assess any communication impairment.

We work with patients that have difficulty:

- ✓ Finding the right word they want to say (Expressive Aphasia)
- ✓ Understanding what is being said (Receptive Aphasia)
- ✓ Saying words clearly (Dysarthria)
- ✓ Co-ordinating movements of lips & tongue to make the right sounds (Apraxia)

We also assess for dysphagia and provide frequent reviews if patients are on modified food and fluid.

We are able to see patients much more functionally within a hospital environment and may do tasks such as visiting a café or the supermarket to help them regain previous level of communicative function.

If someone has really impaired communication, we look at ways to help patients interact (either non-verbally or verbally). For example, this could be with the use of prompt cards or alphabet charts as shown below:



Prompt Cards to aid speech rehabilitation

There are also a range of apps that can be used on smart phones or tablets to assist speech and language rehabilitation depending on the patients needs.

We pride ourselves in working alongside all the disciplines involved with Stroke Rehabilitation to give the best possible care.