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Speech and Language Therapy in Hackney: Talking Walk-in

Parent information leaflet



What is a Talking Walk-in?

A Talking Walk-in is a drop-in initial assessment session run by the speech and language therapy service. It is an informal play based session for children who are under 5 years old. It is the way that most families in Hackney first access speech and language therapy.

Can I choose when to come?

You can come to any Talking Walk-in that is running in Hackney. It does not have to be the one nearest your home. You can be referred by a professional or you can choose to drop-in, both of these are absolutely fine.

If you have been invited to a session that you can't come to, please call our administration team and they can book in a time you are able to come. If you have been to a Talking Walk-in in the past and want to get some more support from our service, there is no need to come to another one. Please call the speech and language therapist at your local clinic or children's centre and we can arrange to see you again.

What will happen?

When you arrive you will be asked to complete some paperwork. Help will be available if you need it.

You and your child will be able to play together until it is your turn to be seen by the therapist. We see families in the order that they arrive.

The therapist will spend about 20 minutes with you listening to your concerns and gaining some background information. The therapist will also observe your child whilst they are playing to assess their communication skills.

What will the outcome be?

Based on the information gathered in this session the therapist will decide if they think your child will benefit from being seen again by a speech and language therapist. This could be for more assessment or you might be invited for a block of therapy.

We aim to give all families some advice or ideas to try at home following the session.

We will write a brief summary of the session and this will be sent to you in the post.

