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**Subject:** Speech and Language Therapy Services for Stammering

- Q1 Do you offer speech and language therapy services for children and young people who stammer?  
a. If so, what is the age range for this service?
- A1 Yes.  
a. 1-18 years
- Q2 Do you have a specialist dysfluency therapist or dedicated dysfluency pathway? If so, how many therapists are there and what is the process for being put on the dysfluency pathway?
- A2 Specialist Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) service provided by 3 Therapists (1.6 WTE)
- Q3 What types of therapy approaches do your speech and language therapy service offer to children and young people who stammer?
- A3 Therapy is tailored to the individual. Indirect approaches are mostly used for younger children. Group therapy is widely offered to older children and young people.
- Q4 What is the geographical/local authority area that your speech and language therapy services for children and young people who stammer cover? (e.g. postcodes/boroughs)
- A4 Liverpool (L1-L19 and L24-L27)
- Q5 How are children and young people who stammer referred to the speech and language therapy service, and what is the referral criteria?
- A5 Open referral; the service is open to anyone who stammers.
- Q6 What is the average waiting time for children and young people who stammer who are referred to the SLT service?
- A6 Two months
- Q7 What is the average period/block of intervention for children and young people who stammer accessing your service? (e.g. once a week for six weeks)

- A7 Most blocks of therapy are 6-8 weeks, but children can remain on the caseload and attend further blocks of therapy as required.
- Q8 Which Integrated Care System are your speech and language therapy services in?
- A8 Cheshire and Merseyside