



Referral Discharge Criteria from CHI Speech and Language Therapy

A child will be discharged from the CHI SLT Service if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Transfer out of the country.
- Child has been discharged from their medical or surgical consultant in CHI.
- Transfer to another service unless there is a role for SLT 'shared care' .
- Failure to attend appointments.
- SLT management is complete.
- Child has 'aged out' of the service and is transferring to adult services.
- Children who are referred for specialist and/or second opinion assessments will be discharged back to the referring agency when that assessment is complete.
- SLT have a duty to complete their acute/tertiary episode of care. Once this is completed and an onward referral is made, a child can be discharged from CHI SLT while awaiting community care. It is not appropriate for SLT to provide a replacement or a community service for children awaiting access to community SLT, as this impacts on waiting times for children who are appropriate to be seen by a tertiary service.