

Child's Need: Eating and Drinking difficulty

Referral from another health professional is received. A therapist will ring you to discuss your concerns.

Assessment of your child's eating and drinking skills will be carried out by a therapist. This will usually take place in your home, local hospital or school. The therapist will talk to you and any health professionals involved so that we can all decide together what should happen next.

Your child may not require direct support from the service at this time and their episode of care will be ended. The therapist will be able to provide you with advice on how to support your child.

Sometimes we may recommend a referral for further investigation of your child's swallowing. This is called videofluoroscopy. It may be offered locally or at a nearby specialist centre.

You may be offered some sessions to help optimise your child's skills and to support safe eating and drinking. Any professionals working with you can be involved in the sessions. After this the episode of care will be ended so that you can continue to embed supportive strategies.