

Ipswich and East Suffolk Alliance



Case Study:

SLC

The most vulnerable children and young people who require specialist speech, language and communication (SLC) support are not always able to access this in a timely way.

Over the last 18 months, a steering group made up of the Suffolk Parent Carer Network, the NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), Suffolk County Council and local service providers started to ask key questions about how access to these services could be improved.

By engaging with parents and carers the group began to understand what the issues were and started identifying opportunities to tackle them.

Three parent and carer sessions took place in September 2018 at locations across Suffolk to gain feedback on a proposed new model for providing these vital services.

In January this year the CCGs agreed to provide more funding for speech and language therapists as well as additional training for teachers.

