

## Community Therapies Service – North Lincolnshire

### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CHECKLIST FOR 2 ½ YEARS

This checklist has been adapted from the Bristol Surveillance of Children's Communication (BRISC) which was devised by Speech and Language Therapists as a screening package to help enable other health professionals/Early Years practitioners to identify children in need of referral.

Together with the child's parents /carers please tick **one** box in answer to each question.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you confident that your child is hearing well?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

2. Can your child drink from a cup most of the time?

YES  NO

3. Does your child use a dummy?

YES  NO

If YES, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Can your child play with one toy or game for several minutes before losing interest?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

5. Does your child join in pretend play such as tea parties, pretend shops, feeding doll/teddy etc.?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

6. Can your child find you 2 or 3 things if you ask him e.g. "fetch mummy your socks and shoes"?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

7. Can your child do things e.g. "make dolly wave" or "make teddy jump", when asked?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

### CHECKLIST FOR 2 ½ YEARS (CONTINUED)

8. Does your child enjoy being with other children?  
YES  NO  NOT SURE
9. Does your child enjoy listening to a familiar story?  
YES  NO  NOT SURE
10. Is your child regularly linking 2-3 words together? Eg. 'Bye-bye Daddy', 'want more drink', 'Mummy push car'.  
YES  NO  NOT SURE
11. Do you know what your child is trying to tell you most of the time?  
YES  NO  NOT SURE
12. Do other people understand what your child is saying most of the time?  
YES  NO  NOT SURE
13. Are you worried about your child's talking?  
YES  NO  NOT SURE

### ACTION GUIDE LINES

A Speech and Language Therapy referral may be appropriate if the following **Possible Causes for Concern** have arisen:

- Poor understanding of language
- Few/no words spoken although other skills are good (e.g. attention & play). Not linking words at all.
- Is unintelligible to mother/close family
- Child has a stammer
- Child shows frustration at lack of ability to communicate

**If making a referral, attach this checklist to the Referral Form and return to the Speech and Language Therapy Team.**