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**Criteria for schools to refer to the SLT Service for assessment**

Please check that a pupil meets these criteria before completing a Universal Therapies referral form. It is very important that you list the interventions / support (e.g. Attention Autism, Language Enrichment Groups - LEGs) which a pupil is currently receiving in the **Reason for Referral** section of the Universal Therapies referral form.

The pupil must meet the essential criteria for the referral to be accepted.

**Essential:**

- The child attends a school in Newham
- The child has not been assessed by an SLT within the last 6 months
- The child is not currently managed by an SLT from LCIS
- The child's speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) are impacting significantly on their social, emotional, and learning development
- The child has already received universal and targeted school-based interventions to support their SLCN. This intervention may have been previously recommended by an SLT or independently introduced by the school SENCo
- The referral is being made for specialist assessment, not specialist intervention

**Additional:**

- The child needs SLT assessment prior to CDS referral for social communication difficulties
- The child needs SLT assessment prior to CAMHS referral
- Where a child is known to an Independent SLT working in school, please would you provide details of current input and state clearly what you would like our service to provide in addition to this.

NB: For children where their language and communication difficulties are affecting their learning and social interaction in the school context, we have requested that GPs ask parents to speak to the school SENCo/Inclusion Manager rather than the GP making the referral directly to us. This is to ensure that children who are already being well managed at school are not re-referred to our service. Therefore, parents may contact you to discuss if you can make a referral to our service.



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