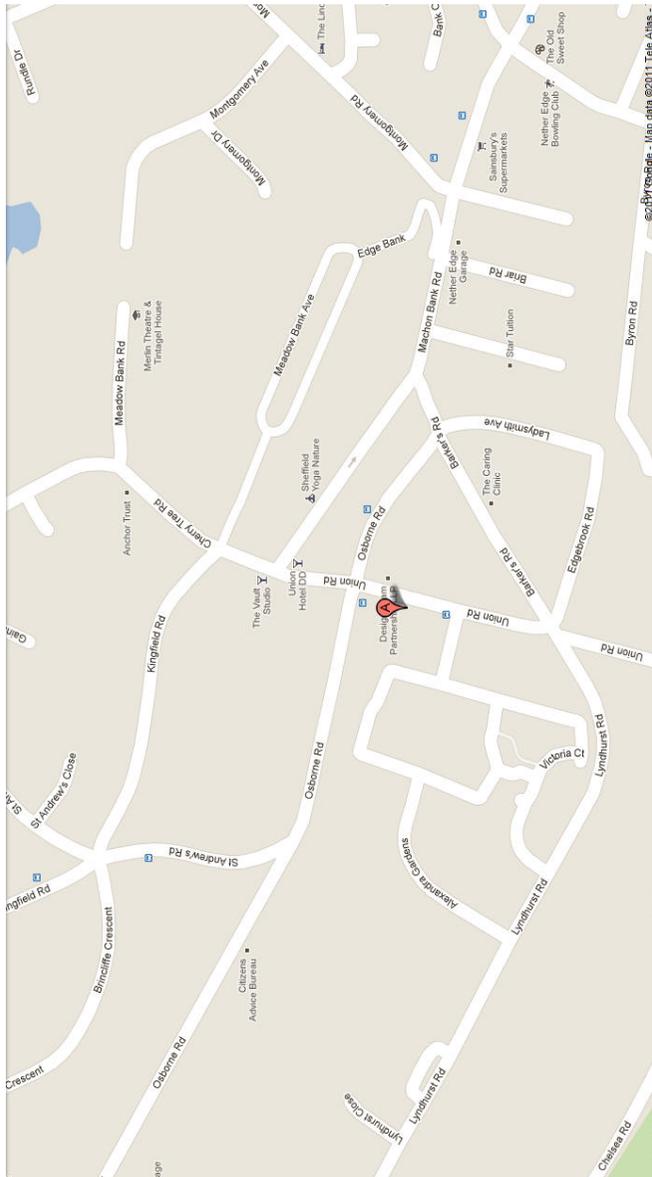


Finding Flockton House



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Speech and Language Therapy Service to Dysfluent Children and Adolescents

What can you expect from us?



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What is the Paediatric Dysfluency Service?

What is dysfluency?

The mistakes we make when we talk are called dysfluencies because of the disruption to the smooth fluent act of talking. They are common in the speech of young children.

The Paediatric Dysfluency Service sees children and adolescents under the age of 16 years who may be stammering, and their families.

What will happen on the first visit?

Children aged 5 or under are first seen by a therapist trained in dysfluency assessment for a 30 minute appointment in a local clinic.

Children and adolescents aged 5 to 16 are first seen by a specialist therapist for a 45 minute appointment at Flockton House (see map overleaf).

The first appointment helps us to decide:

1. the nature of the child/adolescent's communication difficulty,
2. which professionals are best able to help (this may mean a referral to another service),
3. the sort of strategies most likely to help with communication.

What will happen next?

If it is felt that your child would benefit from seeing a dysfluency specialist you will be offered a series of further appointments. That includes:

1. an appointment for a more detailed assessment of your child's communication skills,
2. an appointment for parents/carers only, to give feedback from the detailed child assessment, as well as gather information that may help the therapist decide on the most appropriate therapy approach for your child.
3. further appointments as necessary.

How often are appointments?

Appointments are usually weekly and last 45 – 60 minutes. They are normally held in clinic and involve you and the therapist working closely together to support and develop your child's communication skills.

Working with other professionals

It would be helpful if the therapist working with your child could liaise with your child's teacher in school, so that strategies for developing communication can be carried out in the classroom as well as at home.

The Paediatric Dysfluency Service offers:

- An initial screening assessment.
- A detailed assessment.
- Individual therapy appointments to work with you and your child.
- Review appointments – to monitor and check progress for up to 18 months after the end of therapy. These can be face-to-face or by telephone.
- School visits and liaison when appropriate.
- Intensive courses for older children aged 9 to 12 or 11 to 16 years, if appropriate.
- Parents' workshops (as part of the intensive courses).
- Information and advice.
- Joint consultation clinic.
- Twice yearly workshops for teachers, SENcos and learning support assistants.