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Fistula repair

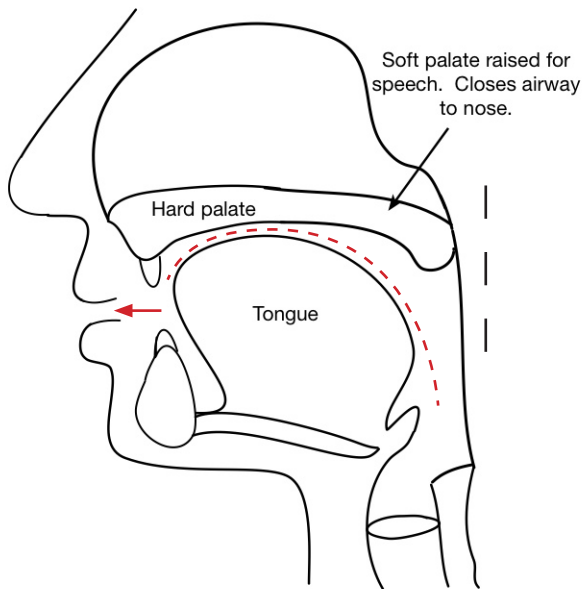
Cleft Lip and Palate Service

Why has my child been offered a fistula repair?

Sometimes a small hole (fistula) can develop on the palate. This is common in children who have previously had a cleft palate repaired.

The hole may allow air and food/drinks to pass through into the nose.

Sometimes the position of the hole can affect a child's ability to learn speech sounds accurately.



With kind permission from Cindy Williams, the Spires Cleft Centre

What is a fistula repair?

The surgeon will use existing tissue to repair the hole in your child's mouth.

How will this help my child?

Repairing the hole will prevent unwanted air (while talking) or food/drink from leaking into the nose.

Who can I contact if I am worried or have a question?

If you have any concerns or questions, you can call the Cleft Co-Ordinator, Pamela Larmour, on 07385 430707. She will be able to direct your question to the appropriate clinician. You can also email her on pamela.larmour@belfasttrust.hscni.net

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