

11 June 2026

Speech and Language Therapists

Please provide the following information relating to speech and language therapy services for children in West Belfast and, where a West Belfast breakdown is unavailable

It is not possible to give this number for West Belfast only the number below is for all of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust area

The number of Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs), expressed as both headcount and whole-time equivalent (WTE), currently providing services to children in community settings in West Belfast.

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Headcount	WTE
45	34.89wte

The number of Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs), expressed as both headcount and whole-time equivalent (WTE), currently assigned to Special Educational Needs (SEN) units or specialist provisions supporting children with speech, language and communication needs.

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Headcount	WTE
50	38.89wte

The number of registered Speech and Language Therapists employed by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust who work with children with speech, language and communication needs.

TOTAL	95
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The number of Speech and Language Therapists currently assigned to each SEN unit or specialist educational provision supporting children with speech, language and communication needs within the Trust area.

The total number of Speech and Language Therapist assigned to SEN units and specialist education provision across the Special Schools and Units in the Belfast Trust area is 95. This cannot be broken down by specific school and unit.

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The number of children of primary school age currently receiving speech and language therapy in community-based settings in West Belfast.

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TOTAL	637
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The number of children of primary school age currently receiving speech and language therapy through SEN units or specialist educational provisions in West Belfast.

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TOTAL	1625
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The number of children currently waiting for: with figures provided for primary school-aged children where available.

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a) an initial speech and language therapy assessment; intervention or treatment,

TOTAL	121 primary school children
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The average and median waiting times for:

- a) an initial assessment;**
- b) commencement of therapy following assessment, for children requiring speech, language and communication support.**

This information is not available

The number of vacant Speech and Language Therapist posts relating to children's services, expressed as both headcount and WTE.

Headcount	WTE
12	6

Details of any staffing ratios, allocation criteria, caseload guidance or service model used to determine Speech and Language Therapy provision for children in community settings and SEN units.

Information not held