

# Therapy in Dublin North Central (Dublin North City Area)

## Speech and Language Therapy

The Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Department in Dublin North Central provides services to children, adults and older persons who present with speech, language, voice, fluency and swallowing difficulties.

### Primary Care service for adults:

#### What do we do?

Speech & Language Therapists in the Adult Speech and Language Therapy Service assess and work with adults with a wide range of communication and swallowing difficulties.

#### Who do we see?

We see adults (18 years and above), who have communication or swallowing difficulties as their primary need.

We see adults who live in our catchment area of Dublin North City.

### We accept referrals for adults with the following needs:

- If you have unclear speech.
- If you difficulty understanding and/or using words and sentences
- Stammering/Stuttering: difficulty with fluent speech (getting stuck on words)
- Voice: hoarseness / loss of voice. (Talk to your G.P. about referral to E.N.T. (Ear, Nose and Throat) Department also), Referral to ENT Department for assessment of your voice box.
- Eating, drinking and swallowing disorders. If you are having difficulty chewing or have a sensation that food is lodging in your throat, coughing while eating or drinking or if food or drink goes against your breath.

### These difficulties can occur with the following:

- Stroke
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis

- Motor Neuron Disease
- Huntington’s Disease
- Dementia
- Brain tumour
- Brain injury
- Head and Neck Cancer
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Pneumonia or recurrent chest infections.

This list is not exhaustive

**We don’t accept referrals for:**

- Accent reduction
- Teaching English as a foreign language
- Elocution

**Where are we based?**

<p><b>Primary Care Speech &amp; Language Therapy in</b></p> <p>North Strand Health Centre          North Strand          Dublin 1          (01)8556425</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Speech &amp; Language Therapy in</b></p> <p>Millmount Health Centre          Dublin 7          (01)8840920</p>
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<p><b>Primary Care Speech &amp; Language Therapy in</b></p> <p>Vernon Avenue Health Centre  Vernon Avenue  Dublin 3  (01)8539500</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Speech &amp; Language Therapy in</b></p> <p>Ballymun Health Care Facility  Ballymun  Dublin 9  (01)8467007</p>
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### **What does this cost?**

There is no cost to see the Speech & Language Therapist. Our service is free.

### **How to refer?**

You can self refer, or request a medical referral on your behalf for communication difficulties

A medical referral is needed if you have difficulty eating, drinking or swallowing, e.g., from a GP, Public Health Nurse, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, etc

All referrals should be on the Primary Care Referral form. You can get this form by printing from here [PCT Referral Form](#), by calling into your local health centre or by calling to ask for a form at the above phone numbers.

### **Useful links & websites**

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland - <http://www.abiireland.ie/>

ALONE - <http://alone.ie/>

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland - <https://www.alzheimer.ie/>

Baggot Street Stroke Rehab - <http://www.strokerehabunit.ie/en/>

Chrysalis - [http://www.chrysalisdrugproject.org/referrals\\_contact\\_us](http://www.chrysalisdrugproject.org/referrals_contact_us)

Connect Conversation Partner Scheme - [www.ukconnect.org/](http://www.ukconnect.org/)

Counselling in Primary Care - [http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/Mental\\_Health\\_Services/counsellingpc/](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/Mental_Health_Services/counsellingpc/)

Cross Care - [www.crosscare.ie/](http://www.crosscare.ie/)

Headway - <http://www.headway.ie/>

HSE Health A-Z for information on various conditions - [www.hse.ie/eng/health/](http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/)

IMNDA – [www.imnda.ie](http://www.imnda.ie)

Irish Stammering Association website with information and news - [www.stammeringireland.ie](http://www.stammeringireland.ie)

MS Ireland - [www.ms-society.ie](http://www.ms-society.ie)

National Adult Literacy Association - <https://www.nala.ie/>

Parkinson's Association - [www.parkinsons.ie/](http://www.parkinsons.ie/)

Speak Up – Contact SLT Dept Connolly Hospital

St. Francis's Hospice – Raheny/ Blanchardstown - [www.sfh.ie/](http://www.sfh.ie/)

Speech and Language Therapists in private practice in Ireland [www.isti.com](http://www.isti.com)

The Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists website has general information and advice [www.iaslt.ie](http://www.iaslt.ie)

Volunteer Stroke Scheme - [www.strokescheme.ie/](http://www.strokescheme.ie/)

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