

Press Release

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Language therapists exceed their £500 fundraising target for children with communication disorders

Three Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust's Speech and Language Therapists took the saddle last week to raise money for children with communication disorders.

The team has almost doubled its £500 fundraising target and raised £917 to make a new a library of games and resources that families with children with SLCN can borrow and play at home to develop their communication skills.

Emela Milne, Liz Chatterton and Katie Watson cycled 55 miles from Tenbury to Evesham on Friday, September 5 as part of the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) service's Get Worcestershire Talking campaign, which aims to raise awareness of speech, language and communications needs (SLCN) across the children's workforce.

Emela, Liz and Katie sent off from Tenbury Primary. They stopped at Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust's headquarter in Worcester City and St Barnabas First and Middle in Pershore before getting to Evesham.

Emela Milne, Speech and Language Therapist, said: "Improving a child's language dramatically improves their life chances. For example, there is no better predictor of a child's GCSE results at 16 than their vocabulary at 5. That's why it is so crucial to help these children develop their talking skills not only at school but also at home. "

Speech and Language Therapists are the lead professionals working with children and young adults with speech, language and communication difficulties. They work in partnership with parents, schools, and other professionals to reduce the impact of these difficulties and help children achieve their full potential. Last year, 2,400 Worcestershire children were referred to the service, with over 6,000 children known to the SLT Service at any moment in time.



Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust's Non-executive Director Jill Gramann lending her support to the Get Worcestershire Talking campaign

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