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## **Referral Criteria for Outpatient Neurorehabilitation Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)**

### **Inclusion**

- Age 18 and over (do not have resources at present for <18yrs in terms of test material)
- Confirmed acquired neurological diagnosis with an impairment affecting their communication (usually Aphasia, Dysarthria or Cognitive-Communication Disorder)
- Multidisciplinary active goals appropriate for outpatient setting (some goals more appropriately targeted in home or local environment)
- Oxfordshire only
- Referrals from GPs, consultants, NHS therapists, nurses
- Able to attend the unit

### **Exclusion**

- Uni-disciplinary SLT referrals (these needs can be addressed by community SLT services)
- Already being seen by community SLT or outreach services (like CHIS) and the SLT service at OCE would not bring added value to the care offered by community services
- NOT where community neurorehabilitation MDT services are offered (e.g. CHIS, CBNRT)
- No confirmed brain injury diagnosis including patients with FND diagnosis
- Patients with developmental neurological conditions e.g. dyslexia, SLI, LD in the absence of acquired brain injury/ whose communication difficulties are not due to an acquired brain injury
- Patients who need home-based therapy or whose needs would be best met by a community service
- Unable to attend outpatient appointments
- Referrals from private therapists (need to access service through GP to secure funding)

### **SLT service as part of Neuro MDT**

We also provide an SLT Service as part of Neuro MDT with Nursing Clinic with the following criteria.

**Inclusion**

Referred as part of the Neuro MDT with nursing service

Confirmed Progressive Neurological Conditions and long-term chronic neurological conditions

Dysphagia and communication needs: patients with changes in swallowing or communication due to their long-term condition which are impacting their health or participation in daily life

**Exclusion**

Urgent dysphagia (these are seen by Oxford Health SLT Service or other local SLT services who are commissioned to respond in an urgent timeframe which OCE SLT service is not).