

Rapid Access Dysphagia Clinic

This leaflet gives information about our Rapid Access Dysphagia Clinic. If you have any questions, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for your child.

The clinic is for children and young people who need a swallowing assessment to decide if an X-ray of the swallow is needed.

When is the clinic?

The clinic is held on Thursdays. Appointments are usually 30 minutes long. They are held remotely on the NHS Attend Anywhere video call platform.

During the appointment

The appointment will be with a highly specialist speech and language therapist. They will talk to you about your child's feeding and might watch them having a snack and a drink. You can send us a video of them eating and drinking before the appointment, if you think this would be helpful. Please email it to [email](mailto:gst-tr.rad@nhs.net) gst-tr.rad@nhs.net, and include your child's name and date of birth in the email.

Who can use the service?

Children are referred to the clinic by a medical consultant at Evelina London.

After the assessment

The therapist will discuss their findings with you and your child. They will decide if your child needs an X-ray of the swallow (videofluoroscopic swallow study), or ongoing support through their locally-based speech and language therapy service.

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the appointment please contact the clinical specialist speech and language therapist, [phone](tel:02071883992) 020 7188 3992, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

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Language and accessible support services

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