Community Therapies Service – North Lincolnshire

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY
CHECKLIST FOR 18 months

This checklist has been adapted from the Bristol Surveillance of Children's Communication (BRISC) which was devised by Speech and Language Therapists as a screening package to help enable other health professionals/Early Years Practitioners to identify children in need of referral.

Together with the child’s parents/carers please tick one box in answer to each question.

Name: _________________________________________ DOB: __________

Signature of parent/Carer: _________________________ Date:___________

1. Are you confident that your child is hearing well?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

2. Are you worried about your child’s feeding?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

3. Does your child use a dummy?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - If YES, how often? ____________________________

4. When playing, does your child pretend to drink from a cup, brush hair, eat dinner?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

5. Can your child play with a toy for longer than a few seconds?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

6. Does your child look at you when you are talking?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

7. Can your child point to people that he knows or things in a simple picture book when you ask him to?
   - YES □
   - NO □
   - NOT SURE □

8. Can your child understand simple things like “Pick it up” “Fetch your shoes”?
YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

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9. Does your child ask for things by pointing / gesture?
   YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

10. Does your child name some people in the family such as “Mummy” “Daddy”?
    YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

11. Does your child ask for “drink” “more” “biscuit”? 
    YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

12. Does your child use words to be sociable, such as “bye-bye”, “night night”?
    YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

13. Does your child try and copy simple words you say?
    YES ☐   NO ☐   NOT SURE ☐

ACTION GUIDE LINES

A Speech and Language Therapy referral may be appropriate if the following Possible Causes for Concern have arisen:

☐ No pretend play
☐ Only able to attend for a few moments
☐ No apparent comprehension or unable to assess this
☐ Does not demand much adult attention
☐ No babble or words

If making a referral, attach this checklist to the Referral Form and return to the Speech and Language Therapy Team.