

Warwickshire 'time to talk'™

Evaluation Summary 2018-19

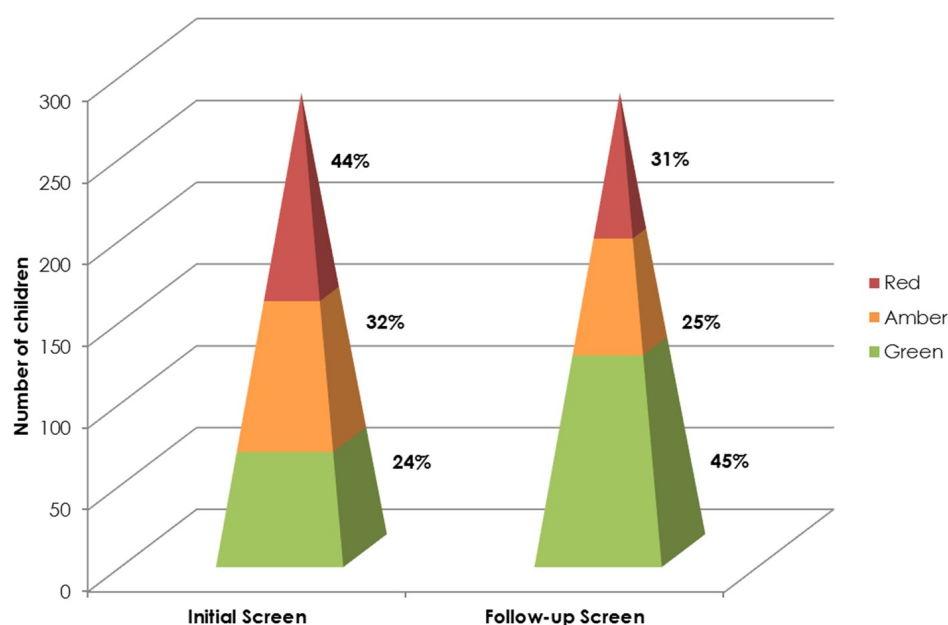


Our vision: to create and celebrate opportunities for all children to achieve their potential in speech, language and communication, working together with, and in response to the needs of local communities.

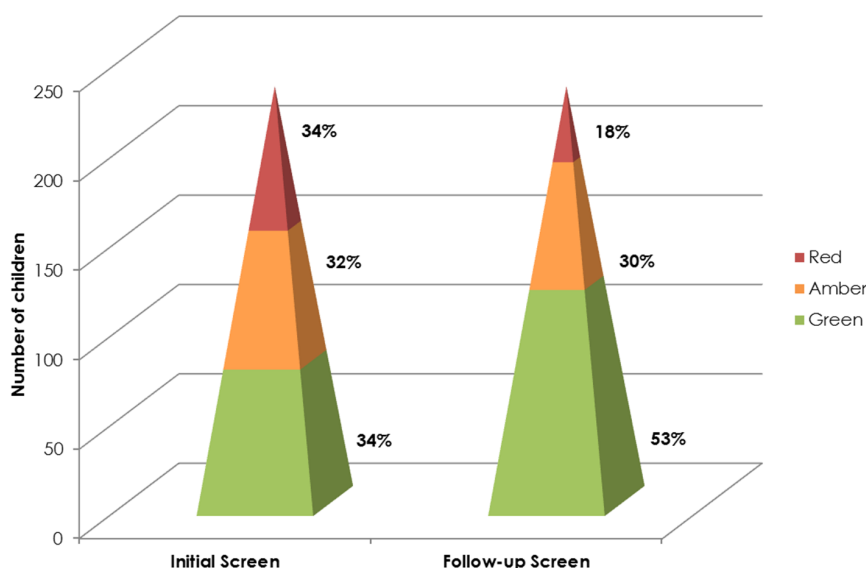
The academic year 2018-19 marks the eighth year in which 'time to talk'™ has collected annual data from trained speech and language champions to monitor the impact of sustaining the strategy. Champions from early years settings, were asked to submit data at two points within the year, before and after providing intervention or support. The children reported on were identified as children at risk of language delay.

WellComm data was analysed for 280 children who attend settings that opt to sustain the 'time to talk'™ strategy. By follow-up, the proportion of children achieving their full language potential (green level) had increased from 24% to 45%. The number still requiring a 'red' level of support decreased from 44% to 31%. These figures replicate the outcomes for each year that 'time to talk'™ have collected data.

WellComm Data 2018-2019 (280 Children)



Attention & Listening Data 2018-19 (232 Children)



The WellComm screen is a measure of children's understanding and spoken language. 'time to talk'™ also records children's levels of attention and listening skills - skills that underpin language development. Those at 'green' level increased from 34% to 53%. Those still requiring 'red' level of support decreased from 34% to 18% across the academic year.

Thank you to all the champions who have worked hard to achieve and report on these glowing results.

Sustaining and Extending 'time to talk'™



Our principles: *prevention • early identification • early intervention • integrated and holistic services • effective training • easy accessibility • communication friendly environments*

Training Delivered

- 83 practitioners attended Tier 1 training.
- 14 Speech and Language Champions attended Tier 2 training - another 11 are part way through training.
- 14 Speech and Language Champions trained to Tier 3.
- 16 practitioners attended '**Being Bilingual**' training.
- 27 practitioners attended '**chatter matters**'™ training
- 15 Library practitioners attended bespoke training.
- 22 South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust Health Visitors attended WellComm training.
- Termly cluster meetings were held across three localities as well as the countywide conference.
- SLTs from the wider pre-school team were involved in delivering training and supporting the conference. With thanks to Sarah Adams, Trudi Brown, Kate Clements, Lorna McKirgan, Janki Meghani, Rachel Newman, Elizabeth Roche, and Diana Watkeys.

As a result of this training I will:

- Complete a room audit to make it more 'talk friendly'
- Complete a baseline communication monitoring document when children join a room
- Not ask so many questions – give time



Conference

Our annual conference took place in February, welcoming practitioners from children's centres, schools, pre-schools and nurseries to the day. Our theme was '**chatter matters – bounce it back**' which was based on the value of 'serve and return' interactions in children's lives. We heard from



Pauline Beirne about how services in Scotland have been transformed to

better fit families' needs and we reflected on how children's language affects their life chances. We took part in workshops about children's screen time led by the community pre-school SLT team and Barbara Charles and her team from Bedworth Heath and Atherstone Nursery Schools led a practical workshop about engaging families to work with their children at home. We also had displays from a range of local services and projects. And we launched our **#bouncitback** campaign for '**chatter matters week**'. We even ended with a story about a lost and found cat thanks to Rachel Kirkwood. Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped deliver another fantastic day.



Celebrating 'time to talk'™



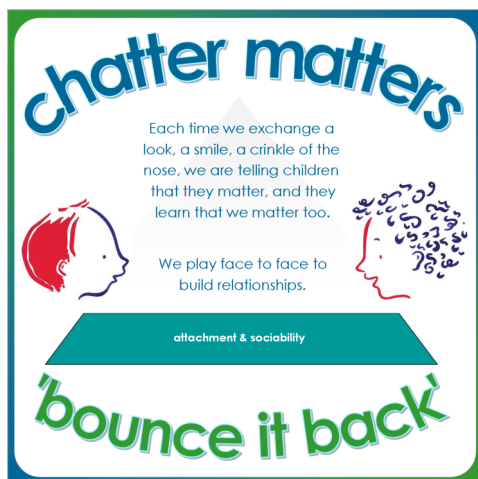
'chatter matters'™ week 2019

In March, we celebrated '**chatter matters week**', taking the theme '**chatter matters - bounce it back**'. We invited settings and volunteers (older and younger!) to get involved by making pom poms to represent their setting, their practice or their children. Once again, our community showed fantastic creativity. Hundreds of pom poms were created across the county and were stitched together to create a super-tactile rug! We received pom poms in nursery logo colours or to match children's hair!



Some involved families and community groups. Some were animal-shaped including a beautiful squirrel with her own bouncy acorn! One nursery even managed to weave letters through their pom poms to spell out their name! One setting used recycled wool and another used some really varied (and challenging) threads to

make their pom poms. There was a lot of chatter that mattered during the creation of the pom poms!



And the rug has been touring so that children have been able to experience it too. Lots of opportunities for chat!

The overall message from the rug is to get down and interact with children. Bounce back their signals whether they are looking, smiling, making noises or words.

We shared flyers online about how 'bouncing it back' supports children's communication at all stages. We also shared activity ideas from champions along the 'bounce it back' theme.

Thank you to everybody who got involved in making '**chatter matters week**' a great success. Look out for next year's campaign!



'time to talk'™ partnerships - local and national



'time to talk'™ was involved with the planning and materials for the Bedworth Bottle Swap which was launched in February 2019 working with School Nursing, Children's Centres, Health Visiting, and Bedworth EY Settings. Hayley Norman, the Project Lead for School readiness at the Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service (Compass) said: "The change from a bottle to a free-flow cup is an important part of a child's development from a

baby to a toddler and helps with oral health, speech and language as well as their independence. The Bedworth Bottle Swap is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to make this change and reach this important milestone in their journey to school readiness."



The Community Pre-School SLT team provide regular drop-in sessions for families to access informal advice and support in community venues. Of the 436 children referred to drop-ins, 55% were under 3 years of age. These families were able to receive timely and informal advice and support.

'time to talk'™ information and resources have been displayed as part of the annual conference for South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust and at a community engagement event.

SLT has worked cross-professionally including the 2 year integrated review, the school readiness policy and is represented on the Early Years board.



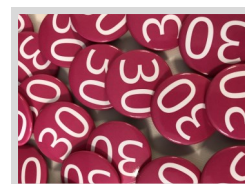
National Profile



Public Health
England

Deborah Powers presented at the Public Health England Conference in September 2018 as part of a seminar about how Warwickshire 'time to talk'™ is helping to close 'the word gap'. Public Health England have commissioned training about speech, language and communication for Health Visitors and Deborah was involved in the development and delivery of these courses. There will be a new screening tool and national pathway for speech, language and communication developed as part of this work.

Deborah also presented the 'time to talk'™ model as part of a seminar for Hempsall's looking at ways different areas are working to address the '30 million word gap'.



NAPLIC

Deborah also presented at the NAPLIC Conference in May 2019. NAPLIC are professionals supporting language and communication development. Invitations to present at these events demonstrate that other parts of the UK are interested to learn from the model in Warwickshire.

Thank you to all who have supported the 'time to talk'™ programme this year. Look out for more developments and ways to be involved during 2019-20!