**Why do you collect information about me?**

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| Image of local SLT/team | Your speech and language therapist collects information about you as part of your speech and language therapy. |
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|  | We use it to find out what is working well and what we need to work on in speech and language therapy. |
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|  | We also use this information to make our service better for you and other people. |

**What information do you collect?**

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|  | We collect information about the difficulties that you have with your communication, or eating and drinking. |
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|  | We use a tool called Therapy  Outcome Measures (TOMs) to help with this. |
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|  | We use the TOMs at the start  and end of your speech and language therapy. |

## How do you use it?

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|  | We enter some of the information we collect into an online database called the ROOT. |
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|  | We enter information about your age, gender, TOMs scores and reasons for receiving speech and language therapy. |
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|  | We do not enter personal details such as your name or address. |
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| A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated | The ROOT has been developed by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT). |
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|  | There are strict rules to make sure that information is kept safely. Your speech and language therapy service and the RCSLT carefully follow these rules. |

## I want to know more

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| Image of local SLT/team | Please ask your speech and language therapist for more information. |
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|  | There is also more information about  the ROOT on the RCSLT website https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/guidance-for-delivering-slt-services/outcome-measurement/outcome-tool-overview |