

Joint Commissioning Case Study

Cheshire and Merseyside

Bilaterally severe to profoundly deaf children and adults living in Cheshire & Merseyside access a regional consultant- led specialist speech and language therapy network from identification of deafness onwards. The service is jointly commissioned by the regions' CCGs with some Education and some local NHS funding. Joint commissioning facilitates equitable specialist provision across traditional trust boundaries so that care follows the service user and their families within the region. The network has won a number of awards and has been able to attract research funding, working closely with Liverpool John Moores University.