Organisations and online documents to help you understand and support children's speech, language, and communication needs.

1. Helpful information on how to recognise, understand and support speech language and communication (SLC) needs.	
Speech and Language UK	Resources to support professionals working with children and young people https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/talking-point/for-professionals/
The Communication Trust SLCF	Speech, Language and Communication Framework is a free online professional development tool. www.slcframework.org.uk
The Hanen Centre	The Hanen Centre has a range of useful articles and information for practitioners. www.hanen.org/Home.aspx https://www.youtube.com/c/TheHanenCentre
2. Resources and Top Tips for Interacting and Talking with Babies and Young Children	
Chatting Together Messages	A set of national key messages to support parents from pre-birth in supporting their baby and child's language and communication development. Chatting Together Baby to Bump Chatting Together Toddler and Young Child Chatting Together Posters

Chatting Together Messages-practitioner resources	Chatting Together Practitioner Guide Evidence and References for Chatting Together Messages
BBC Tiny Happy People	Accessible resources to promote language skills through activity and play for caregivers and professionals. https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people
Early Intervention Foundation	Activities and toys that support caregiver–child interaction in the early years. https://www.eif.org.uk/files/pdf/activities-toys-early-years.pdf
Speech and Language UK	Top tips for early years practitioners www.youtube.com/watch?v=joqVklnnPoY
The Communication Trust	Scaffolding www.youtube.com/watch?v=55-SIwjXngI
3. Information for Parents	
Parent Club	SG parenting site providing support and advice on all aspects of a child's development including speech, language and communication We're here for you | Parent Club
BBC Tiny Happy People	Accessible resources to promote language skills through activity and play for caregivers and professionals. https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people
Scottish Book Trust-Bookbug resources	The Scottish Book Trust is a national charity promoting literature, reading and writing in Scotland. It's site contains helpful information and resources to help parents discover the benefits of sharing stories, songs and rhymes with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Scottish Book Trust

Highlands Services	Bumps2Bairns A website created by people living and working in the Highlands of Scotland but available to all, with lots of ideas for play and learning, or for you if you have concerns about a child's development too.
Greater Glasgow and Clyde KIDS website	A single point of reference for parents and professionals in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area but available to all. It contains an extensive range of general information on self-help and the following section Listening, Understanding, Talking and Interacting | NHS GGC to support communication.
4. Understanding the Scottish Context	
Public Health Scotland	Speech, language, and communication development among children in Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/17292/slc-development-children-scotland-covid-19-pandemic-whole-system-approach.pdf https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/17293/slc-development-children-scotland-covid-19-pandemic-data-summary.pdf https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/17294/slc-development-children-scotland-covid-19-pandemic-evidence-briefing.pdf
Better Communication	Equity for all: Children's speech and language therapy services in Scotland. 2022 Equity for All Final for Publication.pdf

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