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Parent/Guardian of:
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Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Name: Gwendolyn Vials Moore
DOB: 22-Aug-2014
NHS No: 701 057 1422
School: St Nicholas Primary School

Gwen's speech and language therapy progress was discussed on the telephone with her Mum (Cora) on 10th January 2022. Cora reports that Gwen's language has come on. She is now talking in fuller sentences, using more complicated vocabulary and starting to initiate conversation at the dinner table rather than just respond to others questions. As Gwen's sentences are increasing this has meant that her clarity of speech has been impacted. Her family can understand what she is saying but others may still need familiar adults to interpret for her. In school Mr Dilkes reports that staff are understanding around 90% of her speech. He feels that she continues to make good progress in this area.

The family continue to have concerns regarding Gwen's involuntary noises that she makes at home. Cora reports that Gwen can make noises for around 45 minutes each night, especially when she is tired. Gwen appears to be unable to stop even when she is made aware that she is doing this. This is a real concern for the family and Cora is unsure why Gwen is doing this and wonders if they maybe vocal tics as there is a family history of Tourette's. The therapist has suggested discussing this with Gwen's Paediatrician.

Cora continues to have concerns regarding Gwen's increasingly challenging behaviour out and about. Gwen is needing 2:1 support when out the home. For example, when the family were entering a service station toilet she lay on the floor and screamed and wouldn't go into the toilets because she felt it was dirty. On other

occasions she has walked into a restaurant and ran in and taken food off someone's plate. This is obviously very distressing and challenging for the family to deal with. Gwen is reported to be on the ASD and ADHD pathway and is awaiting an appointment. We discussed that further investigations into these areas would be helpful for Gwen and her family to try to understand further why Gwen is presenting with these challenging behaviours. Cora is happy to ring the team to follow up where Gwen's is up to on the waiting list (0151 252 5252 or 0151 252 5759).

Both parents and school are happy with Gwen's current therapy plan and Mr Dilkes will continue to embed the advice and activities into Gwen's daily school routine. Gwen doesn't require a review from this service and will be closed. Gwen's school or parents are able to contact our service if they need to discuss any concerns regarding her speech and language therapy plan or feel that Gwen needs a re-referral back to this service.

Yours faithfully,

Amy Furlong
Speech and Language Therapist

CC: Parents, GP, School Nurse, St Nicholas Primary (FAO Mrs Nell, Mrs Foster and Mr Dilkes), File, ASD pathway Team co-ordinator, Community Paediatrician