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Service delivery for children with DLD in the Netherlands

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In the Netherlands, special care and intervention for children with DLD can take several forms. SLTs working in private practices treat a large portion of the children with DLD. This treatment is funded by the health insurance companies. Health insurance is obligatory for all citizens in the Netherlands. Children with more severe or persistent language problems can be referred to special day-care groups, when they are < 4 years of age. Older children (4-18 years) with severe DLD can be admitted to the special schools for children with language and communication disorders. Another option is that these children continue to visit mainstream schools, but with additional special help from peripatetic teachers employed by the special schools. In that case, children often have SLT in private practices after or during schooltime.