

Eleanor Pettigrew

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Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists registration number: RC0036622



Personal Profile

I am extremely passionate about promoting communication for individuals who have complex needs and require Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC). I believe that everyone should receive the support that they need to functionally communicate, and to become an active member of their community.

I am also passionate about supporting and promoting independent skills through embedding communication strategies and supported by technology. As a Speech and Language Therapist I have experience working with a range of ages from 5 years old to adulthood, all of whom have complex learning disabilities. My areas of interests include Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), Low-tech and High-tech AAC, switch intervention, early communication skills, Intensive Interaction.

I endeavour to provide high quality, evidence based, and creative interventions, to support individuals in developing their functional communication skills.

Professional Qualifications

2012 - 2015: Manchester Metropolitan University: BSc Speech Pathology and Therapy, Upper second-class honours (2:1).

August 2018: Post Basic Dysphagia Qualification (Manchester Post Basic Dysphagia Course).

July 2017: British Sign Language Level One (Signature).

Training

- Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP- Center for AAC and Autism UK)
- Colourful Semantics (Alison Bryan)
- Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)
- Getting started with Grid (Smartbox)
- Doing more with Grid (Smartbox)
- Switch Access Beyond Cause and Effect: Steppingstone for Effective Learning (Linda Burkhart and Fio Quinn, M.S.)
- Social Story (Carol Grey)
- Therapy Outcome Measures (Pamela Enderby)
- Speech and Language Support for Pupils with Severe Learning Difficulties (Elklan accredited).
- Conferences such as Communication Matters and information days.

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Training Provided

I have developed and delivered formal presentations and training to Education and Residential staff teams, as well as other professionals, families, and case managers. This training has explored various therapy strategies, including: PECS, Intensive Interaction, Objects of Reference, dysphagia and IDDSI texture descriptors, and training focusing on how to be a good communication partner. In addition, I have provided informal training around specific low-tech strategies, and high-tech devices and software, such as LAMP, Snap + Core First, Proloquo2go and Grid 3.

Work experience

[Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, ATtherapy January 2019 – present.](#)

My role at ATtherapy includes working at a specialist primary school, and a varied caseload of individual clients with a range of complex needs including those requiring AAC. My current caseload primarily consists of children and teenagers who have a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and have a range of complex needs, including multisensory impairments. I provide direct and indirect therapy input to target the needs of the young person. I assess dysphagia needs and provide appropriate guidelines using the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) texture descriptors.

[Speech and Language Therapist \(Band 5\), Seashell Trust, 2016 – December 2018](#)

I worked at the Royal College Manchester (RCM) with young people aged 18-21 years old with complex needs including: ASC, cerebral palsy, multisensory impairment, limited attention and listening skills and pre-intentional communication. I worked closely with the MDT including: Occupational Therapy (OT), Assistive Technology, Audiology, Mental Health Nurses and Physiotherapy. I worked closely with the education and residential staff teams as well as families to support with embedding and generalising communication strategies.

[Therapy Assistant, 2015 - 2016](#)

I worked alongside the therapy team including the Speech and Language Therapists, OT's and Physiotherapists. I supported during therapy sessions and followed session plans to lead individual or group sessions. I produced appropriate low-tech communication resources and supported to implement and embed communication strategies throughout the college day.

[Bank Learning Support Assistant 2012 - 2015](#)

I worked within the Royal School Manchester (RSM) and the RCM supporting children and young adults. I supported individuals with a variety of needs to access the education curriculum and achieve their potential.

[Residential Support Worker - Stockport Cerebral Palsy Society, 2013 - 2016](#)

I supported young adults who had multiple and profound learning disabilities and epilepsy, within their own home. I supported the young people to access activities that they enjoyed and to become active members of their community.

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Enhanced Volunteer, Seashell Trust, 2010 - 2012

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