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Personal Profile

I am an innovative and autonomous Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist with a passion for supporting individuals with both communication and swallowing difficulties. I strive to improve an individual's quality of life through delivering highly skilled assessments and therapy as well as supporting and training the individual's family/network. I very much enjoy working as part of an MDT to share knowledge and experience and ensure best practice to promote person centered care. The world of AAC and technology fascinates me and I really enjoy working holistically with each individual I meet.

I support people within the West Midlands area and surrounding proximity.

Professional Qualifications

UCL - MSc Speech and Language Sciences

2012 – 2014

University of Wales Institute Cardiff – BA (Hons) Business Studies

2003 – 2006

Post Graduate Dysphagia

2017

Training

- Makaton and BSL
- Talking Mats
- PECS
- Intensive Interaction
- Grid 3, Snap and Core, LLL, Proloquo2go, PODD, LAMP
- AAC Access
- Computers in therapy
- Lego-based therapy

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- Colourful semantics
- Cervical auscultation
- EHCPs
- Mental Capacity Act
- Clinical Supervision
- Clinical practice coordinator/educator
- First Aid at Work

Work Experience

ATtherapy – February 2020 – Present

I am employed at ATtherapy as a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist and support both adults and children with a variety of complex physical and learning needs in the Midlands and South west regions.

Worcestershire Royal Hospital (NHS) - 2019 - Present

Within this setting I am a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist leading the communication and AAC service within the acute stroke setting as well as providing dysphagia assessments and intervention across the hospital

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (NHS) 2018 - 2019

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist in voice, communication and dysphagia, providing therapy to both acute and community services

National Star (charity/public) 2015 - 2018

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist in learning disability, providing specialist AAC and dysphagia services across both college and community settings

The Children's Place (private) 2014 - 2015

Speech and Language Therapist in early years, providing assessment and therapy for children with speech, language and communication needs (mostly those with Autism Spectrum Disorder). This role was in both clinical and educational settings

1Voice Communicating Together 2010 - Present

As a Trustee I plan and coordinate events and have an involvement in the overall running of the charity. I volunteer and participate in providing workshops for children that use assistive technology and support groups for their parents. I have been involved in some of the role model training and am currently working on setting up a branch in the Midlands/South West

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Additional Skills

I demonstrate specialist skills across multiple environments and have highly specialist knowledge in selecting appropriate strategies for prioritisation and management. Flexible working, effective time management and autonomy have underpinned these skills.

I am highly skilled in assessment, planning and implementing AAC systems and therapy programmes for individuals with complex communication needs. I am equally skilled in supporting those with dysphagia needs and multiple pathologies. My professional knowledge is supported by evidence-based practice and training in relevant therapeutic approaches. I oversee and deliver therapy programmes as well as provide support, training and modelling of best practice to all staff, families and caregivers.

I show effective communication skills across the MDT, using negotiation skills with clients, other professionals and colleagues with the department.

I adopt a range of professional skills within my practice including; identifying, recording, analysing and interpreting complex assessments to guide differential diagnosis and holistic therapy plans with measurable outcomes. I regularly develop and monitor therapy programmes for assistants and enjoy sharing ideas and advice with other professionals. I have built positive working relationships with colleagues across previous roles and work as part of an MDT.