

Training in speech, language and communication needs

Where to go to find what you need

If you want to understand more about children and young people's speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) there are many different training and development activities to choose from.

This information sheet gives you an overview of what is on offer, and some useful signposts.

The Speech, language and Communication Framework (SLCF) www.slcfframework.org.uk

The SLCF was developed by The Communication Trust. It is a 'one-stop-shop' for training, and sets the key skills and knowledge needed by the children and young people's workforce to support speech, language and communication development and to identify SLCN. It is free to use, and takes users on a journey plotting out their competency level, then signposting relevant courses and development activities.

The Communication Consortium catalogue

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/598977/consortium_resources_catalogue_complete.pdf

There are over 50 organisations in the communication consortium, and this handy catalogue showcases all the different resources and training offer by them. It covers general training to support children and young people across the age range, as well as more specialist training.

What Works training database www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/what-works-training

What Works is a moderated online library of evidenced interventions that aim to support children's speech, language and communication. *What Works Training* is part of this, and brings together evaluated speech, language and communication training programmes to enable you to find out more about their evidence.

Local speech and language therapy services offer training and development. Find your local service to contact by looking on www.talkingpoint.org.uk

Local Offer – each local authority has a special educational needs and disability (SEND) Local Offer website. This is the place where parents and carers can find out about the support available for children and young people with SEND. You may find information about conferences of development activities.

SEND Gateway <http://www.sendgateway.org.uk/>

SEND gateway is an online portal offering education professionals free, easy access to high quality information, resources and training for meeting the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). You can search specifically for training opportunities.