

Elklan

Elklan courses offer accredited training to school staff to help them in supporting pupils with speech, language and communication needs

As a result of attending the training it is hoped that school staff will feel more confident in supporting children at the universal and targeted levels within school, freeing up Therapist time to support those with specialist Speech, Language and Communication needs.

Elklan courses have been taught to many students and experience has shown that the support they receive from their work place is very important in helping participants apply their new skills more effectively. Following the attendance of staff on the accredited level 3 course there is also the possibility that schools may choose to undertake further training to gain whole school 'Communication Friendly' status in the future. There is a separate flyer with more information about this level 4 course.

What our learners have said:

'This course has improved my knowledge and understanding of speech and language and has dramatically improved how I teach and I have already seen improvements from the children. I also work better with the SLT as we now have a common vocabulary.'

'I have noticed the child's confidence has developed, he is more eager to carry out tasks and is participating more during adult-led activities. Furthermore this simple change to practise has considerably improved his behaviour.'

'Very helpful, interesting and inspiring.' 'Lots of practical ideas to implement in class.'

How to book

To register staff on their chosen course, please email Abigail Bude, Speech and Language Therapist, the booking form with the names of staff wishing to attend and their chosen location. Abigail.bude@hct.nhs.uk

Courses may have to be postponed at short notice before their start date if minimum numbers are not met.

Contact Us

Children's Speech and Language
Therapy Service
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Hertfordshire Community
NHS Trust

Children's Speech & Language Therapy Courses for educational practitioners Summer 2018

Practical courses for those working with children. Information and strategies to develop the communication skills of all children but especially those with speech, language and communication needs.



Speech & Language Support for 3-5s



10 week course - 25th April - 11th July

Wednesdays 10am – 12noon

Practical advice and strategies to help you support your youngest learners' development of Speech, Language and Communication skills.

**Peartree Spring Primary School,
Hydean Way, Stevenage. SG2 9GG**

Speech & Language Support for 5-11s



3 day course - 27th April, 8th June, 6th July

Fridays 9:30am – 4pm

Practical advice and strategies to help you support your Primary aged pupils' development of Speech, Language and Communication skills.

**Peace Children's Centre,
Peace Prospect, Watford. WD17 3EW**

What's involved? Students can opt to study at level 2 (equivalent to GCSE or NVQ 2) or 3 (equivalent to A-level or NVQ 3.) Successful learners gain 9 AptED credit awards (on QCF so have national recognition.)

Each week, in addition to the 2 hours attending the taught session, learners are expected to spend:

- 2 hours planning and implementing activities and tasks with children to complete portfolio assignments
- 1-2 hours writing up portfolio answers
- 3 hours talking about the course with a colleague, thinking, observing the communication skills of children with and without difficulties, background reading and reflecting on what they have learnt.

E-portfolios are completed online and marked by the tutors. Feedback is provided each week. All students receive a 'Language Builders' book which supports them through the course and is a highly useful tool to refer back to in the future.



7 week course - 1st May - 19th June

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

This Level 1 course provides:

- teaching from a trained speech and language therapy assistant
- opportunities to discuss ideas to help children learn to listen, understand and talk
- information about communication difficulties children can experience
- opportunities to meet other pre-school practitioners
- information about normal speech and language development
- an illustrated workbook full of practical tips and ideas which provides a rich source of individualised strategies and information to support a specific child.

Gain accreditation by recording your ideas, observations and activities in a booklet.

**The Marlowes Health and Wellbeing
Centre. 39-41 The Marlowes. Hemel
Hempstead. HP1 1LD**

Cost Includes 'Language Builders' book or workbook, teaching fees & marking
Speech & Language Support for 3-5s: £300 accredited, £150 non-accredited
Speech & Language Support for 5-11s: £300 accredited, £150 non-accredited
Let's Talk Under 5s: £150 accredited £75 non-accredited

Funding

DSPL 8 will fund £200 for staff from any setting in DSPL 8 to attend any of these courses during the academic year 2017/2018.

DSPL 7 will fund half the cost of the course for learners attending from schools within DSPL 7 (unless you have already got 1 teacher and 2 TAs trained.). They will also fund half the cost for 1 person per PVI setting.

DSPL 2 will fund half of the cost for staff within DSPL 2 who wish to attend the Stevenage course

Non-Accreditation We understand that some people may wish to attend the course but cannot commit the time to complete the portfolio and gain accreditation. This may apply to some SENCOs who don't work directly with children but would like an overview of the course.

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