

Training for Schools to Develop Provision for Speech, Language and Communication

This document is designed for schools to use to source training to develop provision for speech, language and communication.

It has been put together by representatives from the BCHC NHS Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) team, Independent Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) services, Pupil and School Support (PSS), Communication and Autism Team (CAT) and SENCOs. Some training is funded through the NHS or Local Authority and some training can be bought in by school.

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Service	Details	Website	E-mail	Phone
AFASIC	Charitable organisation who offer information for families with children and young adults who have SLCN.	https://www.afasic.org.uk/		020 7490 9410
Communication and Autism Team (CAT)	Birmingham SEND Advisory Service for schools, supporting children and young people with Autism.	https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/sen-d-support-services-menu/communication-and-autism-team/	Settings: CAT@birmingham.gov.uk Parent/carer: CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk	0121 303 1792
Elklan	Website. Offer training and resources for supporting speech, language and communication.	https://elklan.co.uk/		
NAPLIC	Website. Professionals supporting speech, language and communication development. Information, advice, resources, free CPD.	https://www.naplic.org.uk/		
NHS BCHC Speech and Language Therapy Service	Birmingham NHS SaLT service	www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/childrens-SLT	bchnt.childrens.slt@nhs.net	Advice line: 0121 466 6231. Admin: 0121 466 3370.
Pupil and School Support (PSS)	Birmingham SEND Advisory Service for schools, supporting children and young people with cognition, language and learning needs.	https://accessstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/pupil-and-school-support/	a2egeneral@birmingham.gov.uk	0121 303 1792
Soundswell Speech and Language Therapy Solutions Ltd	Independent speech, language and communication services.	www.soundswellspeech.com	info@soundswellspeech.com; office@soundswellspeech.com	07967 178491
Speech and Language UK	Website. Offer information, training and resources to support speech, language and communication.	https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/	info@speechandlanguage.org.uk	020 7843 2515
Thinking Talking	Website. Resources support children's speech, language and communication.	https://thinkingtalking.co.uk/	thinkingtalking@yahoo.co.uk	
West Midlands Speech and Language Therapy Service (WMSLT)	Independent speech, language and communication services. Hastingwood Business Park, Wood Lane, Erdington, B24 9QR	www.wmspeechtherapy.co.uk	office@wmspeechtherapy.co.uk	0121 647 3566

Training	Provider	Provider	Provider
Autism Parent Awareness Course (CAT PAC)	CAT. 6 week free parent Autism awareness course (primary): An introduction to Autism, Social Communication and Interaction, Sensory Differences, Sleeping, Eating and Personal Hygiene, Anxiety, Parent Choice and Local Offer	CAT. 6 week free parent Autism awareness course (early years): An introduction to Autism, Social Communication and Interaction, Sensory Differences, Sleeping, Eating and Toileting, Emotional regulation, Birmingham Local Offer and Parent Choice	CAT. 6 week free parent Autism awareness course (secondary): What is Autism, Social Communication, Sensory Differences, Teenage Issues, Anxiety and Emotional Well-being, Independence and Transitions
Communication Books	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: 1 hour Parent/Carer workshop/coffee morning or afternoon. Available for settings who have a service from WMSLT.	
Developmental Language Disorder	AFASIC - DLD Together. Free 7 week online course for parents following a DLD diagnosis.	BCHC NHS SaLT. Introduction to DLD. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning. Available as part of Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: DLD Together. Free 7 week online course for parents following a DLD diagnosis.
Functional Communication	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.		
Gestalt Language Processing (GLP)	Soundswell. 2 hours for EY/KS1 staff and parents. Contact for cost.		
Speech Sounds	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.		
Stammering	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: 1 hour Parent/Carer workshop/coffee morning or afternoon. Available for settings who have a service from WMSLT.	
Supporting Understanding and Use of Language	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning for EYFS, KS1 or KS2 Available as part of NHS		
Termly locality drop ins for parent/carers of children with Autism	Communication and Autism Team - Free termly drop ins. Example topics: Autism Overview, Communication and Language, Emotional Regulation,		
Top Tips	WMSLT: 1 hour Parent/Carer workshop/coffee morning or afternoon. Primary/secondary sessions available. Available for settings who have a service from WMSLT		
Transition events for parent carers of autistic children transitioning from Y6 to Y7.	Communication and Autism Team.		
Vocabulary	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour workshop/coffee morning. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: 1 hour Parent/Carer workshop/coffee morning or afternoon. Available for settings who have a service from WMSLT	

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Autism C-SENSE environmental audit.	Communication and Autism Team- Link with OT but delivered to mainstream settings by CAT. 2.5 hours +.		
Communication Books	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: Aided Language Displays. Face to face/webinar 1 hour 30 mins. Contact for cost.	
Communication Friendly Settings	BCHC NHS SaLT and Pupil and School Support. Twilight sessions/inset day. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: Creating a Communication Friendly Environment. Twilight and half day options. All ages. Contact for cost.	WMSLT: Maximising Communication Potential: Supporting Students with Learning Disability. Face to face/Webinar. 1.5 hours/twilight. Contact for cost.
Makaton	BCHC NHS SaLT. Face to face. Taster, level 1, level 2. Contact for cost.	Pupil and School Support / Communication and Autism Team. Contact for cost.	WMSLT: Face to face. Full day. Level 1/Level 2. Taster sessions. Contact for cost.
Primary Talk	WMSLT. Universal strategies to support communication (Speech and Language UK training). Face to face. 1 day. Contact for cost.		
Total Communication	Pupil and School Support. Twilight Raising awareness. Contact for cost.	WMSLT: Developing a Total Communication Approach in Specialist Settings. Half day/twilight/webinar options. Contact for cost.	

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Attention and Listening	WMSLT - Approaches to develop attention and listening. Webinar. 60 minutes. EYFS and primary. Contact for cost.	WMSLT - Approaches to develop attention and listening. Face to face/online. 1 hour 30 minutes. Contact for cost.	Soundswell - SALI. EYFS & Y1 staff. 25 day intervention programme for children not yet ready to benefit from language intervention groups such as Wellcomm. Contact for cost.	
Autism Education Trust: Autism and Anxiety course	CAT. Centre based training - half day. £132 per delegate. Early years and school age.	CAT. Whole school/large group rate: £825 for up to 40 delegates. Early years and school age.		
Autism Education Trust: Autism and Inclusion	CAT. Centre based training - full day. £240 per delegate.			
Autism Education Trust: Early Years Developing Play Module	CAT. Centre based training - half day. £132 per delegate.			
Autism Education Trust: Early Years Developing Toileting Module	CAT. Centre based training - half day. £132 per delegate.			
Autism Education Trust: Good Autism Practice Separate courses available for Early Years, Schools and Post 16 settings.	CAT. Centre based training - full day. £240 per delegate.	CAT. Whole school/large group rate: £1650 for up to 40 delegates.		
Autism Education Trust: Introduction to the Progression Framework.	CAT. Centre based training - half day. £132 per delegate.			
Autism Education Trust: Leadership, Inclusion and Structural Reasonable Adjustments	CAT. Centre based training - half day. £132 per delegate. Separate courses available for Early Years, Schools and Post 16 settings.	CAT. Whole school/large group rate: £825 for up to 40 delegates. Separate courses available for Early Years, Schools and Post 16 settings.		
Autism Education Trust: Making Sense of Autism (autism awareness course).	CAT. 1.5 hour twilight session. Separate courses available for Early Years, Schools and Post 16 settings. Free.			
Autism: Developing and Enhancing Play Opportunities in the Early Years	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings £325			
Beginners Dysphagia	BCHC NHS SaLT. 2 hours. Delivered by SaLT dysphagia team as part of service. Can add on 'textures' and 'thickening fluids'.			
Colourful Semantics	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Link SaLT hours. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	Pupil and School Support. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of PSS hours.	WMSLT. 1 hour 30 minutes twilight session. Face to face/online. Contact for cost.	Soundswell. Half day. EY and KS1. Focus on supporting literacy. Contact for cost.
Complex Needs	Soundswell - SLEUTHS. 1 day. A communication pathway designed to be used by school staff to help identify communication levels from a developmental level of 0 months. Tracks skills acquisition through observation & assessment. Signposts user to appropriate strategies and interventions to both consolidate gains and support progression. Contact for cost.	WMSLT. Face to face. 1 day. EYFS and primary. Contact for cost.		
Developing Confidence and Resilience in Writing for Autistic Pupils	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Developmental Language Disorder	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Link SaLT hours	Speech and Language UK	WMSLT. 1 hour 30 minutes twilight session. Face to face/online.	WMSLT. 60 minute webinar.
Dysphagia Refresher	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour 30 minutes. Delivered by SaLT dysphagia team. Can add on 'textures' and 'thickening fluids'.			
Early Communication Tools	Communication and Autism Team 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Elklan (practical advice for teaching assistants to support speech, language and communication).	Elklan. Contact for cost.	Pupil and School Support. Contact for cost.		
Engaging Autistic Learners	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Executive Function	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Gestalt Language Processing	WMSLT. Webinar. Exploring Analytic Language Processing vs Gestalt Language Processing. Webinar only.	Soundswell. 2 hours. Face to face. EY/KS1. Contact for cost.		
Identification of SLCN	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	Pupil and School Support. Online Short Course. Free.	WMSLT. Face to face. Contact for cost.	
Increasing Joint Attention, Play and Language Skills in Children With Autism	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Language for Learning	Soundswell. Flexible modules half, full or 2 day courses for <i>school staff</i> supporting children with speech, language and communication needs at Key Stages 1 & 2. Contact for cost.			
Makaton	BCHC NHS SaLT. Face to face. Taster, level 1, level 2. Contact for cost.	Pupil and School Support / Communication and Autism Team. Contact for cost.	WMSLT: Face to face. Full day. Level 1/Level 2. Taster sessions. Contact for cost.	
Multisensory Storytelling	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			

Phonological Awareness	Soundswell. SSIPA: 1 day. Early identification & intervention for phonological awareness. Contact for cost.			
Planning in the Early Years to Personalise Learning to Support Children to Meet Their Individual Developmental Outcomes.	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Primary Adaptive Teaching Approaches	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Primary Talk (Speech and Language UK training)	WMSLT. Face to face. 1 day. Universal strategies to support communication. Contact for cost.			
Profound and complex learning disabilities TaSSeIS (Tactile Signing for Sensory Learners).	Soundswell. 1/2 day introduction. 3 day full course. School, college and residential staff. A system of touch cues used to promote effective communication with particular benefits for learners who require additional sensory feedback to support their understanding. Contact for cost.			
Secondary Differentiation for the Autistic Learner	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Selective Mutism	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. Understanding and Supporting Adolescents with Selective Mutism. Contact for cost.	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Introduction to Selective Mutism. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.		
Sensory Ladders	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
SLCN and the role of the Communication Champion	WMSLT. Face to face. 1 day. All ages. Contact for cost.			
Speech Sounds	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. All ages. Contact for cost.		
Stammering	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. All ages. Contact for cost.		
Supporting Narrative skills across the secondary curriculum	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. Secondary. Contact for cost.			
Supporting Positive Peer relationships in the Early Years	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Supporting SLCN in Secondary	WMSLT. Face to face/online. 1 hour 30 minutes. Contact for cost.	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. Contact for cost.	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	
Supporting SLCN in the Early and Primary Years	WMSLT. Face to face/online. 1 hour 30 minutes. Contact for cost.	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. Contact for cost.	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	
Supporting Social Communication Difficulties	WMSLT. Webinar. 1 hour. All ages. Contact for cost.			
Talkboost	WMSLT. 1 day. Face to face. KS1 and KS2. Contact for cost.			
Understanding and Supporting Communication Skills (Primary)	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Understanding the Link Between SLCN and SEMH	WMSLT. Face to face, Live on-line and webinars. Half day and twilight sessions available. Contact for cost.			
Using Music to Support the Engagement of Autistic Children	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			
Using the Autism Education Trust Frameworks for Developing Provision	CAT. Online course for Governors in educational settings. £55 per delegate.			
Vocabulary	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Practical advice to teaching vocabulary in the classroom. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Supporting Vocabulary Learning in schools. Primary and Secondary sessions available Face to face/online/webinars. Half a day and twilight sessions available. Contact for cost.	Pupil and School Support - Advice with regard to supporting vocabulary development in schools. Contact for further information.	
Work Trays to Support Autistic Learners	CAT. 1.5 hours from core hour allocation for settings. £325			

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Birmingham SEND Toolkit Training	Pupil and School Support		
Identification of SLCN	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Using the Communication Trust Progression Tools to identify SLCN. Half day and twilight packages available. All ages. Contact for cost.	
Speech and Language Link	Language Link		
Speech Screener Tool	WMSLT. SPST-R: Covers development of speech sounds in children and early identification. Includes the WMSLT School Phonology Screening Tool (SPST-R): Twilight, Half Day and Webinar Options available. All ages. Contact for cost.		
Talk Boost	Speech and Language UK	WMSLT. Full day. Face to face. KS1 and KS2. Contact for cost.	
WellComm Early Years	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Half day. Face to face. Contact for cost.	Soundswell. Making the most of Wellcomm; how (and why) to group children, when to move them on, when to rescreen & using the data effectively. Contact for cost.
WellComm Primary	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT. Half day. Face to face. Contact for cost.	

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Intensive Interaction	WMSLT: An Introduction to Intensive Interaction. Face to face/webinar. Half day *this training is intended to be an introduction to the approach and is only available to schools where regular enabling can take place. It is not intended to replace the official training, this can be accessed at www.intensiveinteraction.org Contact for cost.		
Attention and Listening	WMSLT - Approaches to develop attention and listening. Webinar. 60 minutes. EYFS and primary. Contact for cost.	WMSLT - Approaches to develop attention and listening. Face to face/online. 1 hour 30 minutes. Contact for cost.	Soundswell - SALI. EYFS & Y1 staff. 25 day intervention programme for children not yet ready to benefit from language intervention groups such as Wellcomm. Contact for cost.
Attention Autism	WMSLT: An Introduction to Attention Autism. Face to Face and Webinar. 1 hr 30 mins. *this training is intended to be an introduction to the approach and is only available to schools where regular enabling can take place. It is not intended to replace the official training, this can be accessed at www.ginadavies.co.uk Contact for cost.	Attention Autism. Contact for cost.	
Birmingham SEND Toolkit Training	Pupil and School Support		
Brick by Brick Programme	WMSLT: An Introduction to the Brick by Brick Programme. Face to face/webinar. Half day/twilight options. *this training is intended to be an introduction to the approach and is only available to schools where regular enabling can take place. It is not intended to replace the official training, this can be accessed at playincluded.com/en-gb/the-brick-by-brick-programme Contact for cost.		
Colourful Semantics	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	Pupil and School Support. 1 hour twilight session.	WMSLT. 1 hour 30 minutes twilight session. Face to face/online. Contact for cost.
Complex Needs	Soundswell - SLEUTHS: whole day for school staff: a communication pathway designed to be used by school staff to help identify communication levels from a developmental level of 0 months. Tracks skills acquisition through observation & assessment. Signposts user to appropriate strategies and interventions to both consolidate gains and support progression. Contact for cost.	Soundswell - SLEUTHS: half day for SaLTs wanting to increase their skills in working with pupils at this developmental level. Contact for cost.	WMSLT. 1-3 days. Face to face. Suitable for SEN and complex needs. Introduces frequently used interventions and approaches. Includes how emerging outcome tools can be used to track pre-linguistic development and beyond. Contact for cost.
Language for Behaviour and Emotions	WMSLT: Implementing LFBE in your setting - Upper KS2 and KS3 Face to face/online and Webinar. Half day. Contact for cost.	Thinking Talking. Contact for cost.	
Language for Learning	Soundswell. Flexible modules half, full or 2 day courses for school staff supporting children with speech, language and communication needs at Key Stages 1 & 2. Contact for cost.		
Language for Thinking	Thinking Talking. Contact for cost.		
Phonological Awareness	Soundswell. SSIPA: whole day course. Early identification & intervention for phonological awareness (to support children struggling with phonics). Contact for cost.		
Sentence Building through Sensory Play	WMSLT. Face to face/webinar. Half day/twilight options. Contact for cost.		
Using Key Words to Support Understanding and Use of Spoken Language (Information Carrying Words)	WMSLT: Webinar/ face to face 90 mins. EYFS, KS1 and All Ages SEN. Contact for cost.		
Talk Boost	Speech and Language UK. Contact for cost.	WMSLT. Full day. Face to face. KS1 and KS2. Contact for cost.	
Talk for Work	WMSLT: Face to face. 1 day. Age range: 14-18yrs. Contact for cost.	Pupil and School Support - Contact for further information.	
WellComm Early Years	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: Face to face. Half day. Contact for cost.	
WellComm Primary	BCHC NHS SaLT. 1 hour twilight session. Available as part of NHS Link SaLT hours.	WMSLT: Face to face. Half day. Contact for cost.	
Word Aware	Thinking Talking. Contact for cost.	WMSLT: Face to face/online. 1 day. Primary and EYFS. Contact for cost.	Word Aware 3. Small group vocabulary intervention. Face to face. Twilight/half day options. Primary and key stage 3. Contact for cost.