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Children's Speech and Language Therapy

Training Brochure for Schools and Families in Barnsley



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1. How to apply for training

Apply through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/barnsley-childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-55158534763>

- Our next available training dates are on Eventbrite. If you are not able to attend the dates listed, keep checking Eventbrite as more dates will be added once the maximum number of attendees for each date is reached.
- Follow us on Eventbrite to be notified automatically when new dates are available.
- Complete the application details including your job title/setting you work for or tell us if you are a parent
- Eventbrite will automatically confirm your order
- If you no longer require your place, cancel your order on Eventbrite
- Links to access the training will be sent to the email address you provide on your application 1 – 2 weeks before the date of the training. We recommend you keep our email for ease of access on the day of the training. (The link to access training is not on Eventbrite or in the automatic emails sent by Eventbrite). Our email with the link to join will come from barnsley.speechtherapy@swyt.nhs.uk email address.
- Applications may be cancelled by the service if you do not meet the eligibility criteria at which point you will be notified by email

Most of our training takes place over Microsoft Teams. From the 21st November our Building Vocabulary course is by webinar and this training can be done at a time that is convenient for you.



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2. Stammering - how to help children in nursery and schools

Who it's for? Teaching assistants, practitioners, teachers and other professionals working with children who stammer.

This is a free half day course from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

What will you learn about?

- What stammering is, including hidden stammering and the impact it may have on a person's education
- Causes of stammering
- What are challenges for children who stammer in school
- How to help support stammering
- Acceptance of stammering as a different way of talking





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3. Building vocabulary skills

Who is it for? Parents and carers, teaching assistants, practitioners, teachers and other professionals working with children with vocabulary difficulties.

From the 21st November this course is delivered by pre-recorded webinar. After applying on Eventbrite we will send you a link to access the webinar.

What is the training like?

People find this course very practical and good fun and say they get great ideas to take away and use.

They get to think about how we learn words and what can help.

Topics covered:

- How we learn vocabulary
- Normal vocabulary development
- Why some children have difficulties
- Games and ideas for supporting and helping vocabulary skills





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4. Phonology (speech and pronunciation difficulties)

Who is it for? professionals and parents/carers who support children who have difficulties with the pronunciation of sounds when they are talking and live within the Barnsley area. This course is most useful for activities and advice for children aged three years and over.

This is a free two day course from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

What is the training like?

People find this course very interesting, useful and fun. They think about sounds and words in a different way and learn practical ways to help children who have pronunciation difficulties. They also learn how to work out when children need help and need to see a speech and language therapist.

Topics covered:

Day 1: Understanding speech sound difficulties

- Normal speech sound development
- Speech sound delay and disorder
- The causes and impacts of speech sound difficulties
- How to screen for speech sound difficulties
- Phonological awareness





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Day 2: Helping children with speech sound difficulties

- Effective approaches in helping children
- Practical ideas for carrying out speech sound work with children
- Therapy techniques used with children
- Delivering speech and language therapy programmes

5. Helping children understand questions

Who is it for? professionals and parents of children who need support in understanding language and questions.

This is a free 2 hour course from 9.30am to 11.30 am.

A maximum of 8 attendees per course.

Topics covered:

- How knowing a child's level of question understanding will support them at home and in the classroom
- The four different levels of questions, using the Blank levels of questioning model
- How to target different levels of questioning within an activity
- Assessing a child's level of question understanding to support them at home and in the classroom
- Practising the 4 levels





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6. Echolalia

Who is it for? professionals and parents/carers who support children with speech and language needs and live within the Barnsley area.

This is a free half day course from 9.30am to 12 midday.

Topics covered:

This training event will support attendees to:

- Understand the terms 'echolalia' and 'gestalt language processing'
- Identify when a child is learning through echolalia
- Learn how to work out the meanings behind echolalia that may seem "random" or "out of context"
- Understand how echolalia can develop into self-generated language
- Feel confident in supporting children who primarily use echolalia to communicate





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7. Selective mutism

Who is it for?

This training is for parents, teaching staff and other professionals in Barnsley working with children and young people with selective mutism or show difficulties speaking in certain situations.

This is a free 2 hour course.

Topics covered:

This training event will support attendees to:

- To understand what Selective (situational) Mutism is
- To understand how to help children and young people in school with SM
- To know where to access further support





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Please see website [Training for Practitioners | Elklan Training Ltd](#)
for latest information on training available and to apply to Elklan.

Accredited taught online course. 10 weeks. 4-4.5 hours per week.

This includes

- > Introductory webinar **(0.5 hrs)**
- > 10 x taught webinars **(10 hrs)**
- > 10 x independent e-learning sessions. **(20 hrs)**
- > learning log homework portfolio **(10 hrs)**

Non accredited e-learning course. 10 weeks. 1-1.5 hours per week

- > 10 x independent e-learning sessions. Access to the course
available for 12 weeks from date of purchase.



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Feedback from our training courses

Our courses are highly recommended by participants. Read below for some of the feedback from our recent courses. If you have attended training and would like to give us some feedback, click on this link:

<http://ratenhs.uk/z33v9D>

Excellent ideas and strategies and a good background to reasons behind speech difficulty

(I enjoyed) trying things out rather than just listening" and enjoyed "the ideas for games and new strategies to implement learning.

Loved the DVD, showed me how children felt and what strategies I can use.

Pacing of the session was easy to follow and information considered all levels of knowledge and skillsets going into the training. It was very informative and accessible, and stressed the importance the training clearly. (Nov 25)

Helped me understand more about the child I'm working with, how to model my speech and apply useful strategies within the classroom environment.

Free training accessible to all
(Nov 25)