



Curriculum Vitae

Karen Baldwin - Associate Speech & Language Therapist

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Personal Profile

I am an experienced, highly motivated and autonomous clinician with over 15 years' experience working with people with neurological conditions. I have highly specialist knowledge of adult communication impairments and provide assessment and treatment for these impairments using an evidence-based and client centred focus. I have excellent interpersonal skills, and I can quickly build rapport with clients and their families/carers. I am extremely organised, managing a large and often unpredictable caseload.

I am proficient in writing detailed but also accessible reports for a wide range of recipients. I have a particular interest in motor speech disorders, dysphagia therapy and communication technology, both from a therapeutic and communication aid perspective.

Employment History

- **May 2022 - Present** **Speech Therapy North East Ltd**
Independent Speech and Language Therapist (Associate)

- **March 2010 - Present** **South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust**
Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

As a Band 7 therapist, I provide highly specialist assessment and therapy input to adults with acquired neurological communication and swallowing impairments, in both community and acute settings. I work closely as part of a Neuro Oncology Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and am involved in establishing and delivering a "one stop" AHP Assessment Clinic, which was shortlisted for the "Neuro Team of the Year" at The Brain Tumor Charity's 2020 'Celebrating You' awards. I have been involved in designing and implementing our Trust's Awake Craniotomy service, with regards to intraoperative assessment. As part of this role, I provide training to a range of individuals, including medics,

nurses, employers and other local therapists, adapting my communication style as appropriate. I also chair a regular group supervision session for Band 5/6 therapists, supporting their learning and development needs. I aim to work collaboratively with patients, families and other health professionals in order to provide holistic communication and dysphagia education, guidance, support, assessment and intervention, set within an evidenced based goal orientated framework.

- **February 2008 -
March 2010**

South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Progressing to a Band 6 post, I provided specialist assessment and therapy input to adults with acquired neurological communication and swallowing impairments, covering community and acute settings. As part of my role, I worked specifically within acute Neurorehabilitation. During this time, I became skilled in MDT working, using goal focused therapy approaches and outcome measures to evaluate their effectiveness. I was also instrumental in delivering and assisting with Mental Capacity assessments for adults whose communication difficulties affected their ability to provide informed consent.

- **December 2008 -
September 2019**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust

Speech and Language Therapist

Following graduation, my first post involved providing assessment and therapy input to adults with acquired neurological communication and swallowing impairments, covering community and acute settings. I organised and delivered communication and computer therapy groups for individuals with aphasia.

Qualifications

- **2002 – 2005
Leeds Metropolitan
University**

BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy. 2:1

Continued Professional Development

- Expiratory Muscle Strength Training Study Day – June 2019
- Caring for PDOC Patients: Improving Healthcare Professional Communication & Practice – August 2020
- Telepractice Dysphagia Assessment – January 2021

Memberships

- Registered Member of The Health and Care Professions Council (SL16233)
- Registered Member of The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RC0019174)