



## **Curriculum Vitae**

# **Poppy Larkin - Associate Speech & Language Therapist**

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## **Personal Profile**

I am a certified Speech and Language Therapist specialising in adult neurology, with a clinical interest in neurological rehabilitation. I am a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual who is dedicated to delivering evidence-based therapy and achieving patient outcomes. I have developed skills and experience in dysphagia/communication assessment, supporting capacity assessments, therapy intervention and training. I have clinical experience in a variety of settings including; inpatient, community and within the criminal justice system. From this broad range of clinical experience, I am able to work collaboratively with a range of different professionals.

## **Employment History**

- **June 2020 - Present**                                 **Speech Therapy North East Ltd**  
Associate Speech & Language Therapist
  - I am an associate Speech and Language Therapist of Speech Therapy North East Ltd. I provide independent specialist Speech and Language Therapy assessment and intervention. This can range from a one-off assessment/advice to a block of therapy intervention. I fully share the values of Speech Therapy North East and have a client-centred approach at the heart of all interventions.
  
- **May 2016 – present**                                 **Ministry of Justice**  
**United Kingdom**  
Registered Intermediary
  - I am a Registered Ministry of Justice Intermediary working on an ad-hoc basis with vulnerable witnesses within the Criminal Justice System. This involves using my understanding and expertise about how people communicate and communication disorders to facilitate communication in

police interviews and a court setting. I assist vulnerable witnesses with communication needs to give their best evidence in criminal trials. I also deliver bespoke training packages to local police forces on the role of a Registered Intermediary and how to identify if a witness has communication difficulties and would benefit from a referral.

- **September 2015 – present**                      **South Tees NHS Foundation Trust**  
**United Kingdom**  
Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Band 6)
  - I work on an acute neurology/neuro-surgery ward, neuro-rehabilitation unit and as part of an outpatient neurology service. I provide assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic interventions for adults who have acquired brain injuries and complex neurological conditions. I provide intervention for adults with complex communication and swallowing difficulties. Management of communication difficulties includes a broad range of high tech alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) including the use of eye-gaze technology. The role involves service development, supervision and audit. Related to this role I am a Practice Educator and guest clinical examiner for Newcastle University Speech and Language Therapy students. I also deliver a monthly Acquired Brain Injury Education session jointly with local Headway branches and families affected by brain injury.
  
- **June 2014 – September 2015**                      **North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust**  
**United Kingdom**  
Speech and Language Therapist (Band 5)
  - Caseload included working on a hyper-acute stroke unit and community stroke team. This required management of a large caseload and the Malcolmess Care Aims Model was utilised to prioritise based on clinical need. I worked closely with the multidisciplinary team. This post gave me valuable experience of multidisciplinary team working and a sound understanding of the rehabilitation process.

## **Qualifications**

- **2016**                      Registered Intermediary Legal training- Pass (City Law School, London)
  
- **2013**                      BMedSci Speech Science- First Class (University of Sheffield)

### **Further Training Courses**

- **2014** Post-Basic Dysphagia Course (Manchester Dysphagia Course Ltd)
- **2015** Counselling Skills for Speech and Language Therapists (City Lit)
- **2016** Mindfulness for Speech and Language Therapists (City Lit)
- **2017** LSVT LOUD Training and Certification Course (LSVT Global)
- **2018** SLT role in Tracheostomy Management and Critical Care (RCSLT)
- **2019** Raising Awareness of Clinical Research Course (NIHR)

### **Memberships**

- Registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council 2013-present
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists member 2013-present
- Intermediaries for Justice- 2016-present