

Language Leads Network

We are hoping to develop a local networks of 'Language Leads', supported by the NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service. We hope this will be an opportunity for identified Language Leads to develop their knowledge and skills and also to have access to support from a Speech and Language Therapist.

What would the role of a Language Lead be?

- To take a lead in promoting a communication friendly environment in your setting.
- To demonstrate good practise and support colleagues in your setting.
- To support colleagues in identifying potential difficulties and with the process of referral to SLT.
- To be a point of contact for local NHS Speech and Language Therapist.

Who should take on this role?

A Language Lead needs to:

- Be enthusiastic about supporting language and communication development
- Be willing to extend their professional knowledge and skills.
- Have a good basic knowledge to build on around speech, language and communication.
- Be keen to share good practice with other colleagues and with parents.
- Have time to support colleagues in their setting

What support will the Language Leads receive?

- Regular network meetings in your local area supported by a Speech and Language Therapist which will:
 - o Provide opportunity to share good practice
 - o Allow time to discuss any current difficulties you are experiencing.
 - o Include updates on new resources/information from the SLT.
 - o Help to identify training needs and, where possible, include these within the network meetings.
- Support to work towards confidence at the Enhanced level of the Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLFC). Click [here](#) for more info.

