

Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Name | Martina Marks | |
| Position | Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist | |
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PROFILE

I am a Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist who has a wealth of experience in a wide range of speech and language related difficulties.

After spending many years within the NHS and the private sector as a Dental Nurse, I graduated from Birmingham City University with a Speech and Language therapy BSc (Hons) degree.

I have experience working with children from different backgrounds with needs relating to speech sound development, verbal dyspraxia, language delay, development language disorder, stammering, selective mutism, global developmental delay and autism.

I presently work within the NHS in community clinics, nurseries, mainstream schools and children's development centres. I have also had experience working in alternate provisions such as a language resource base.

I am able to deliver language groups, parent child interaction sessions and training to parents, and school and nursery staff around communication development.

I am able to quickly build a rapport with clients, making therapy sessions motivating. In addition I am able to educate and support parents, carers and professional staff to help the client in the most effective way in their communication environment. I am passionate about working with people to develop their confidence and identify everyday functional goals. I will then use this as the foundation for individualised intervention and targets enabling achievement of optimal abilities.

KEY SKILLS

- Assessment, diagnosis and management in a range of communication difficulties.
- Providing strategies, advice and support to parents and staff members in educational environments.
- Advising educational staff and parents on ways of adapting their communication to best suit the needs of the child.
- Delivering training to parents and educational staff.
- Management of mainstream schools and nurseries speech and language caseload.
- Management of a preschool Team Around the Children caseload

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Areas of Expertise/ Other useful information

- Experience of working with children and teenagers who present with a stammer.
- Working collaboratively with parents and educational staff of children with an autism diagnosis.
- Speech sound therapy with children who have recently had a hearing aid fitted or a cleft lip and palate repair.
- Therapy with children who have a velopharyngeal dysfunction which causes active nasal fricative sounds.
- Assessment, diagnosis and intervention for disordered language acquisition and disordered patterns of speech.
- Writing sound Education Health Care Plan reports for the local authority.
- Managing Student Speech and Language Therapist.
- Providing peer support as a part of supervision.
- Onward referrals to colleagues in the multi-disciplinary team.
- Contributed towards development of outcome measures for a Trust.
- Developed curriculum for language groups for a Trust.

Professional Memberships:

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) – SL34529
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) – RC0036630

EDUCATION

- BSC Hons in Speech and Language Therapy (2013-2016)
- NVQ Level 3 in Oral Health Care (2005-2007)
- Association of Dental Hospitals Certificate of Proficiency in Dental Nursing (2005-2007)
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) (2003-2005)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 2019- Present | Speech and Language Therapist | Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust |
| 2018-2019 | Speech and Language Therapist | Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust |
| 2016-2018 | Speech and Language Therapist | Birmingham Community HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust |
| 2012-2017 | Kurt Geiger Selfridges, | Birmingham |
| 2011-2013 | Edgbaston Dental Centre | Edgbaston, Birmingham |
| 2009-2011 | Brackenwood Dental Centre | Edgbaston, Birmingham |
| 2007-2009 | South Birmingham Orthodontics | Edgbaston, Birmingham |

REFERENCES

Available upon request.