



Professional Profile

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Position	Speech and Language Therapist	
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PROFILE

Phoebe qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 1991. She is registered with the Health Professions Council and is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Phoebe currently works part time as the lead therapist in Stroke Care in Dudley and part time as an independent therapist working with children and adults with communication and swallowing needs.

Phoebe has had a long and varied career working in the UK and overseas; within the NHS and the independent sector. She has worked extensively in the area of special education needs, including setting up a speech and language therapy service from scratch with a special school in New Zealand.

KEY SKILLS

Assessment and treatment of complex communication and swallowing difficulties. Phoebe has worked with a diverse range of communication difficulties; acquired and development and across the spectrum from mild to severe. She uses a number of assessment and therapy tools to assess communication and swallowing needs and plan individual therapy programmes. She works closely with clients, their family and support workers, and other professionals providing education and training to best meet the needs of her clients. Phoebe provides compensatory strategies and environmental changes to help clients reach their communication potential. Phoebe has worked with adults and children with complex communication difficulties, challenging behaviours and severe physical disabilities.

EDUCATION

1991 MSc in Clinical Communication Studies from City University London

Phoebe has attended a number of post graduate training courses including post graduate dysphagia management, brief solution based therapy training and training in the use of augmentative and alternative communication aides.

Phoebe has completed the Bond Solon expert in medico-legal report writing course.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE / OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Management of children with language and learning needs including children with profound and multiple learning difficulties and children on the autistic spectrum.

Management of swallowing and eating and drinking difficulties in children and adults.

Management of adults with acquired brain injury.

Management of adults with progressive neurological disorders.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1991-1994 Working for NHS Trusts with pre-school children and within special needs schools in London

1995 Career break- travelling

1995-1998 Community based rehabilitation for adults with acquired brain injury in New Zealand

1998-2003 Working within special education and mainstream schools in New Zealand and Australia

2003-2004 Working with special education needs children in mainstream schools in London

2004-2006 Community based rehabilitation for adults with acquired brain injury in Guildford, Surrey

2006-2008 Running an café in Shrewsbury, Shropshire

2008-2009 Working with adults and children with learning disability in Crewe, Cheshire

2009-2011 Working in acute hospitals with adults with acquired brain injury

2011-2012 Lead speech and language therapist in stroke care in Dudley

2011-2012 Independent speech and language therapist working with children and adults with communication and swallowing difficulties.

REFERENCES

Available on request