

## Notts Healthcare Speech and Language Therapy Training Service.

### Our 2025 training offer:

- A combination of face-to-face and online training packages.
- All of our courses are delivered by qualified, registered and experienced Speech and Language Therapists.
- An exciting update for 2025 ... our Talking Matters Online Training (suitable for practitioners working with children 5 and under) is now free of charge.
- All of our courses can also be offered as inset day or twilight training sessions for whole schools / preschool settings. Please contact [L4L@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:L4L@nottshc.nhs.uk) for a quote

### Why engage with us?

We believe that “children’s communication is everyone’s business” (Bercow, 2018) and are passionate about empowering the wider workforce:

- to identify speech, language and communication needs
- to create responsive, supportive and communication rich learning environments
- to reflect on their practice
- to confidently share their learning with parents and carers

### How to book?

In this document you will find:

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*Bercow: Ten Years On:* An independent review of provision for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs in England. <http://www.bercow10yearson.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/337644-ICAN-Bercow-Report-WEB.pdf>

## Full Details of courses

### Talking Matters



**We are delighted to be offering this online training for free during 2025!**

This online course is aimed at practitioners who work with children under the age of 5.

This course aims to raise awareness of the importance of speech, language and communication on children's mental health, attainment, and longer-term outcomes.

The course explores typical development of speech, language, and communication (SLC).

Practitioners will learn about:

- the latest research into the importance of SLC
- typical stages of language development
- how to identify children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).
- strategies to support speech and language within classrooms and settings
- how to share these messages with parents to support the home learning environment.

Links to further support available will be outlined.

## Communication for All



*For practitioners who:*

- *Work in Early Years schools and settings*
- *Want to enhance the use of visual supports to develop speech, language and communication skills*
- *Want to learn some basic Makaton signing and how to use symbol resources*
- *Want to understand how physical environments impact on children's attainment.*

This course explores the impact of good visual environments on children's speech, language and communication.

Signs and symbols can be used to support children's development. They are particularly effective when used in the Early Years to support behaviour, emergent literacy, attention and speaking and listening skills and their use is advocated within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

This very practical and fun course:

- teaches participants a small number of useful Makaton signs
- supports practitioners to understand how to use signs and symbols in their settings
- considers how physical environments impact on children's communication skills
- supports practitioners to audit environments and set actions to raise standards of practice.

***NB this course is delivered over 2 sessions. Practitioners need to attend both sessions to complete the course.***

**Teacher Talk™  
Training A:  
Encouraging  
Language  
Development in  
Early Childhood  
Settings.**

Written by The Hanen  
Program® for Early  
Childhood  
Educators/Teachers



Written by the Hanen Centre and delivered by Hanen trained Speech and Language Therapists, this practical course supports participants to build upon their interaction skills with young children.

See the Hanen website for more information: <https://www.hanen.org/programs/teacher-talk#about>

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Identify children's conversational styles
- Understand the role that adults play in interactions with children.
- Understand and implement Hanen's six steps to following the child's lead.
- Help children become better conversation partners by using appropriate questions, comments and turn-taking cues.
- Use five important steps to ensure that no child is left out of the interaction during group activities.

***Please note: this course lasts 7.5 hours which can be divided into smaller sessions i.e. 3 sessions lasting 2.5 hours. Practitioners need to attend all 7.5 hours of teaching to complete the course.***

## 2025 SPRING TERM TIMETABLE

Date/Time	Course Title	Location	Cost	Links to book
<p><b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p><b>9:30-12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Talking Matters</b></p> <p>Introduction to speech, language, and communication in the Early Years</p>	<p>MS Teams</p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>	<p>To book via Eventbrite click here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142551455159?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142551455159?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b></p> <p><b>13:00 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Talking Matters</b></p> <p>Introduction to speech, language, and communication in the Early Years</p>	<p>MS Teams</p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>	<p>To book via Eventbrite click here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142558927509?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142558927509?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b></p> <p><b>9:30 -12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Talking Matters</b></p> <p>Introduction to speech, language, and communication in the Early Years</p>	<p>MS Teams</p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>	<p>To book via Eventbrite click here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142567613489?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-matters-tickets-1142567613489?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>

<p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b></p> <p><b>10:00 – 12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Communication For all – Part 1:</b> This course explores the impact of good visual environments on children’s speech, language and communication.</p> <p><i><u>Practitioners must attend Part 1 and Part 2.</u></i></p>	<p>The Sidings Meeting Room, Ashfield Community Hospital, 27 Portland St, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7AB</p>	<p>£95 per person + Eventbrite booking fee (for both sessions)</p>	<p>To book via Eventbrite click here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/communication-for-all-2-sessions-2632025-and-942025-tickets-1142726649169?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/communication-for-all-2-sessions-2632025-and-942025-tickets-1142726649169?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b></p> <p><b>10:00 – 12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Communication for all – Part 2:</b> This course explores the impact of good visual environments on children’s speech, language and communication.</p> <p><i><u>Practitioners must attend Part 1 and Part 2.</u></i></p>	<p>The Sidings Meeting Room, Ashfield Community Hospital, 27 Portland St, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7AB</p>	<p>Included above</p>	

## Tips for Booking and Online Learning

### Administration tips

- Bookings for online training events are managed via Eventbrite.
- Eventbrite will send a link to the MS Teams training event you have booked to the email address you used to book. Please check this email box for messages. For instance, if you used the office account to book, links will be sent here. You can forward the messages to your own device and click the link to join the meeting.
- If you have looked carefully for the link and have not received it please check that your booking has gone through.
- If you have not received the link, please contact L4L@nottshc.nhs.uk.

### Getting started

- Check your equipment before the course starts. You can join the training on a laptop, tablet or smartphone. Please be aware that your experience will be different on different devices.
- Download the MS teams app.
- Make sure that you find a quiet place to attend the training.
- Consider your internet use ahead of training times. Internet drain can affect the quality of your online meetings, if necessary, ask other users in the house to limit their online activity while you attend the training.

### During the training

- It may help to wear headphones so that you can clearly hear the training and discussions.
- Be sure to ask questions if you aren't sure on something, even if the trainer has moved on.
- Your trainer will show you how to use the 'hand up' function and the 'chat' function to interact with the trainer. Have a look in advance of the training to see if you can use them. Be aware that not all devices have these functions.
- Wait for a pause in the training to ask a question or ask using the chat function. All learners benefit from questions being asked during a session.
- Have a pen and paper available to make notes during the session.
- Try to complete any activities that the trainer has asked you to. You'll get more out of the sessions if you are prepared for the discussions that will take place.
- Enjoy the learning!

### After training

- Handouts will be sent after the event. Please be aware that these are the property of the Talking Together Team and must not be copied or shared with anyone.
- Complete the evaluation form which will be sent to you following the training. Your feedback is very helpful to us.
- Reflect on your original intentions for training, or any goals that you set during the training. How has your practice changed following the training?

### **Cancellation Policy**

Refunds for cancellation more than 3 days in advance of the training may be available in exceptional circumstance. Please email [L4L@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:L4L@nottshc.nhs.uk) to discuss.

We will offer alternative dates in the first instance.

If there are technical issues caused by us, meaning that the course cannot be delivered, full refunds will be offered. However, we cannot be responsible for delegates' technical problems e.g., with delegates' Wifi or computer.