



Northumberland Speech Language & Communication Service



Elklan Accredited Training Speech and Language Support for Vulnerable Young People

This is a research based, accredited training course for those of you teaching or supporting vulnerable young people who have communication challenges and social and emotional needs.

It will help you identify those with undiagnosed language and communication needs and provides essential strategies to help you to help them.

This practical and evidence-based course provides you with theoretical knowledge and an abundance of practical skills and ideas to support pupils who are living or being educated in vulnerable contexts such as Specialist and Alternative provisions.

It uses interactive teaching methods, practical activities, videos and group discussion to engage you and support your learning.

The course consists of 8 fortnightly sessions each lasting two hours.

This course:

- Gives you an externally verified and accredited level 2 or 3 award.
- Learners complete a Learning Log, completed throughout the course to gain accreditation.
- There is a time commitment involved to completing activities with young people and evaluating practice.

Sessions will be delivered fortnightly at:

**Emily Wilding Davison School, Thornhill Road, Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE 23 7EB**

- Session 1: Wednesday 5th March 2025 3-5pm
- Session 2: Wednesday 19th March 2025 3-5pm
- Session 3: Wednesday 2nd April 2025 3-5pm
- Session 4: Wednesday 30th April 2025 3-5pm
- Session 5: Wednesday 14th May 2025 3-5pm
- Session 6: Wednesday 4th June 2025 3-5pm
- Session 7: Wednesday 18th June 2025 3-5pm
- Session 8: Wednesday 2nd July 2025 3-5pm

The course will cover the following:

What is communication?

- Identify the processes involved in communication.
- Demonstrate the wide range of communication problems young people can exhibit.
- Explore communication strategies to help diminish dysregulated behaviour.

Non-verbal communication, listening & attention

- Explore non-verbal communication
- Improve listening skills
- Consider attention levels and the impact this has on learning.

Understanding spoken language

- Reflect on why understanding spoken language might be difficult
- Modify language to help the listener
- Use visual schedules and practice schedules
- Consider other issues such as non-literal language, bilingualism.

Developing verbal reasoning

- Explore the types of questions and demands made on the listener
- Learn how to adapt questions to develop a young person's reasoning skills.

Strategies to develop vocabulary:

- Identify the challenges of vocabulary development
- Promote the understanding of words.

Encouraging expressive language & communication

- Discuss strategies to support expressive language
- Identify the barriers to talking.

Promoting effective social communication skills

- Explore social communication skills and appropriate support strategies
- Promote the language of emotions
- Use Comic Strip Conversations to understand and manage social situations more effectively.

Developing a communication plan (linking the course together)

- Use knowledge gained from the course to prepare a Communication Plan which identifies a young person's communication achievements and challenges, then facilitates the planning of appropriate support strategies

How much does it cost?

The cost for this training is £102.00 per learner.

The cost covers:

- Elklan's learning materials
- an Elklan course book
- accreditation with OCN London at either Level 2 or 3.

Delivery of the course and marking of portfolios are provided at no extra cost from the Speech, Language and Communication service.

There is a limited number of places available, book soon!!!!

Please email the HINT team to book a place.

Hint@northumberland.gov.uk

If you have any queries, please get in touch

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The course encompasses all areas of communication and contains achievable strategies that can be used in a variety of settings

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Invaluable information-very useful in all areas of teaching and learning

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The course was extremely interesting. I really enjoyed it and I think it would be very beneficial (if not essential) to all members of staff

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