

Bristol Early Years Speech and Language Therapy - Children's Centre Team

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Early Years Professionals in Bristol, and North Somerset

Spring & Summer 2025

For more information visit the Bristol Early Years webpage: [Speech and language Therapy | Bristol Early Years](#)

Sirona webpage: [Early Years Speech & Language Therapy – Children and Young People's Services \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](#)

Or contact us:
sirona.sltearlyyearstraininginformation@nhs.net

Look out for our...

Our CPD offer includes...

- **WellComm Early Years Toolkit** – online training with Bristol Early Language Project, plus free WellComm Toolkit screen and resources worth over £500
- **New short courses on 'Bilingualism' and 'Managing Conversations- From Difficult to Open Conversations.'**
- Evidenced based Hanen programmes – delivered in-person: **Adapted More Than Words,[®] & Learning Language & Loving It[®]**

Online resources:

- **Online Toolkit**
- **Talk to Me!** campaign resources. Ideas and resources to share with families plus our bitesize information videos and tips [Early Years Speech & Language Therapy – Children and Young People's Services \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](#)
<https://bit.ly/EarlyYearsSpeechandLanguageTherapy>
- **Stammering information video** for Early Years and Primary settings

Additional links to external training

- Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub
- Speech and Language UK (ICAN) training
- Links to DofE Early Years Education Recovery Programme

Learning Language and Loving It™ Programme

(In-person. Bristol settings only).

A **Hanen certified**, evidenced-based course which will enable you to “create the kinds of enriched language-learning environments that help children learn best.” “You’ll discover how to help ...promote the social, language, and literacy development of young children (birth to five) using responsive interaction strategies that help all children learn, whether they’re typically developing, have or are at risk for language delays, or are second-language learners.”

The course includes **5 x in-person workshops, plus 4 video visits to your setting.**

Participants must attend all sessions to complete the course

Upcoming Course

In-person workshops: 26th Feb, 5th & 19th March, 2nd & 30th April,

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Video visits: booked with participants during weeks commencing March 10th & 24th, April 21st, May 5th

Venue: Bedminster Children's Centre, British Road, Bristol, BS3 3BZ (please note British Rd Entrance)

Booking is via Eventbrite:

<https://LearningLanguageandLovingIt.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note: Participants need to attend all sessions and have access to the ‘Learning Language and Loving’ It guidebook (**cost is approx. £50**)

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/>

<https://www.winslowresources.com/>)

Adapted ‘More Than Words®’ Programme

(In-person- plus one online orientation session. Bristol settings only)

A Hanen certified, evidenced-based course, adapted for practitioners working with children on the autistic spectrum.

Come and learn about:

How to identify different social communication stages and use strategies to support language, social communication and interaction. Offered to those **currently working with a child who may be on the autistic spectrum.** Participants must be able to **attend all sessions.**

Course details: 1 x **Online Orientation** session and 5x **In-person** teaching sessions, plus 2 **Video** feedback sessions in your setting

Upcoming Course

Online orientation: 28th February 2025.9.30-11am

In-person workshops: March 7th, 14th & 28th, April 25th, May 2nd 9.30-12.30pm

Video visits: booked with participants during weeks commencing 17th March (video 1); 31st March (video 2)

Venue: Wellspring Family Hub, Wellspring Settlement, Ducie Road, BS5 0AX

Booking is via Eventbrite:

<https://AdaptedMoreThanWordsBristol.eventbrite.co.uk>

There is a More Than Words® guidebook to accompany this course, which is a recommended resource: available via [amazon](https://www.amazon.co.uk/) or <https://www.winslowresources.com/>

Early Talk Boost®

(1 whole day training,

Bristol settings only)

Speech and
Language UK 
Changing young lives.

Early Talk Boost is a targeted, evidence-based intervention aimed at 3–4-year-old children with delayed language: boosting their language skills by an average of 6 months in 9 weeks, to help narrow the gap with their peers.

For more information about the course, and evidence of impact from the Speech and Language UK website: : [Early Talk Boost - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](https://www.speechandlanguageuk.com/early-talk-boost)

Upcoming Courses

Please contact us if you are interested in this course via: sirona.sltearlyyearstraininginformation@nhs.net

WellComm Early Years Toolkit -

Bristol Early Language Project (online)

(Bristol settings only)

Onboarding session: this 90min session is your way to sign-up to the Bristol Early Language programme and get a **fully funded WellComm Early Years Toolkit** worth over £500 for your Early Years Setting or Reception class.

This offer is open to all Bristol settings with children aged 3- to 5-years. The toolkit is an **evidenced** resource, which will enable you to screen the language and communication development of your children and gives you intervention and curriculum planning activities through the associated 'Big Book of Ideas.'

Implementation session: for on-going support to settings who are using the WellComm Early Years Toolkit.

Upcoming Online Courses (via Microsoft Teams)

More information and course bookings via:

[Bristol Early Years – Calendar](#)

Baby Talk for Practitioners

For practitioners working with children

0-18 months (online)

Come and learn about:

What skills are involved in communication?

What do babies need to learn?

How do babies' communication develop?

What to expect & when

Supporting parents and carers to identify the ways a baby communicates

What we can do to help a baby develop, feel safe and help their brain grow

How to contact us for further advice or support

Upcoming Online Courses (via Microsoft Teams)

Course runs 9.30-11.30pm

1) Thursday 20th March 2025

2) Thursday 22nd May 2025

Book onto this course via Eventbrite:

<https://BabyTalkPractitioners.eventbrite.co.uk>

Identifying and Supporting Children with Speech, Language & Communication Needs (online)

Come and learn: How to identify children with speech, language and communication needs; supportive strategies for parents, carers and practitioners; when and how to signpost parents to the Children's Speech & Language Therapy Service; when and how to make a referral; question and answer session with a speech and language therapist.

Upcoming Online Course (via Microsoft Teams)

Course runs 9.30-12.30pm

1) Friday 28th February 2025

2) Friday 23rd May 2025

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://IdentifyingAndSupportingSLCN.eventbrite.co.uk>

Speech Sounds for Practitioners (online)

Come and learn about:

The difference between speech & language skills

Developmental milestones and typical patterns that affect young children's speech sounds

Strategies to support clear speech

When and how to make an appropriate referral to Early Years Speech and Language Therapy

How to contact us for further advice and support;

Question and answer session with a speech and language therapist.

Upcoming Online Courses (via Microsoft Teams)

Course runs 9.30-12.30pm

1) Friday 4th April 2025

2) Friday 11th July 2025

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://SpeechSoundsForPractitioners.eventbrite.co.uk>

Bilingualism

Supporting language development with bilingual children (online)

Come and learn about:

The ways you can observe language developing in bilingual/multilingual children; ideas to help you find out more and support a child's home language; why we should celebrate bilingualism/ multilingualism and home languages (and culture), and the research behind this; strategies that support the language development of young children; useful advice and resources to share with families and colleagues.

Upcoming Online Courses (via Microsoft Teams)

Course runs 9.30-11am

1) Friday 14th March 2025

2) Friday 6th June 2025

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://BilingualismSupport.eventbrite.co.uk>

Managing Conversations- moving from difficult to open conversations (online)

Having conversations with families around sensitive topics can feel daunting and stressful. The way we share our concerns can impact on the way that information is received by a family, and in turn can affect a family's relationship with you, other professionals and their journey with SEND.

Come and learn about:

Ways to prepare for difficult conversations so that you can turn them into positive open conversations; considerations around different cultural attitudes; the boundaries of your role; strategies around sharing sensitive information and managing the conversation so that it feels safe and supportive.

Upcoming Online Courses (via Microsoft Teams)

Course runs 9.30-12pm

1) Friday 7th February 2025

2) Friday 20th June 2025

Book via Eventbrite:

<https://ManagingDifficultConversations.eventbrite.co.uk>

INSET Training (Bristol settings)

Please get in touch if you would like to host us to deliver one or more of our courses as part of your setting's INSET day. We can offer half day sessions and full day training courses.

Examples of a full day training session may include:

- Teacher Talk A (complete course)
- Teacher Talk B (complete course)

Half or full day sessions may include 1 or more of our other courses.

Please contact us via:

sirona.sltearlyyearstraininginformation@nhs.net

If you are unable to host a session, but are interested in our Teacher Talk or Word Aware workshops, please get in touch.

Our training is **free** for practitioners working in Early Years.

Our online training is via Microsoft Teams unless stated or delivered via an INSET – please check each course carefully. All online courses are open to practitioners working in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset (with the exception of WellComm training).

Due to funding differences, some courses are for Bristol only. Please check whether there is a cost for additional resources accompanying each course.

INSET Training (Bristol settings) Teacher Talk®

Teacher Talk is an online Hanen CPD package which encourages language development in early childhood settings and links oral language & literacy. Play and daily routines provide opportunities to create enriched, interactive language-learning environments that include all children. Each course has **3 sessions**. **Please attend 'Part A' before attending 'Part B or C.'**

Part A: Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings

Learn how to: Identify children's conversational styles and the role that teachers play; let the child lead in individual and group interactions; help children become better conversational partners.

Part B: Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy

Learn how to: support literacy development by helping children develop a positive attitude toward the use of print; choosing books that match children's interests and stages of development; using book reading as a time for interaction and conversation; making print a natural and meaningful part of every day

Part C: Fostering Peer Interaction in Early Childhood Settings

Learn how to: provide a physical and social environment that encourages peer interaction and creates many opportunities or successful interactions with other children; making the most effective use of space in the classroom; encouraging a variety of groupings for interaction; providing appropriate materials and activities; creating reasons for interaction and providing specific coaching.

Please note: This training is free but there is a small cost for the accompanying workbooks (£14.95).

INSET Training (Bristol settings)

Word Aware: Teaching Vocabulary in the Early Years'

(including **Concept Cat** [Concept Cat — Lift Lessons](#))

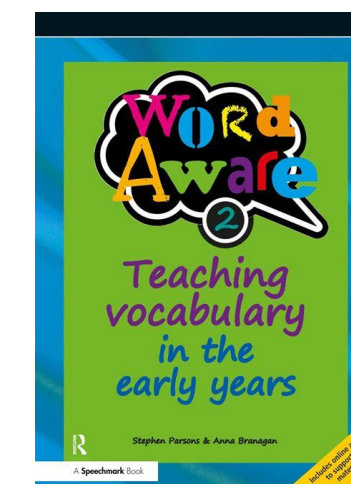
[Concept Cat \(2023/24 trial\) | EEF](#)
(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)

We know that many children entering early years settings do not have the vocabulary to access learning.

We hope to support settings, by introducing staff to this whole setting **Word Aware** approach, where children are supported to learn vocabulary in the everyday activities and environments within their setting.

Participants will be taught how to identify and teach suitable vocabulary to their pre-school or reception classes. They will be introduced to practical and inspiring ideas, which can be easily applied to busy early years settings.

This course is suitable for staff working with children ages 3-5yrs and is best delivered as a whole setting approach (usually as a one-day training or a series of twilight sessions).



If you are interested in hosting us to deliver this course as an INSET day or via a series of twilight sessions at your setting, **please contact us via:**

sirona.sltearlyyearstraininginformation@nhs.net

INSET Training (Bristol settings)

If you are interested in attending or hosting us to deliver an INSET at your setting, or for more information about any of our courses, please contact us via:

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General information about our workshops

Our training is **free** for practitioners working in Early Years.

Our online training is via Microsoft Teams. Online courses are open to practitioners working in Bristol, and North Somerset (except for WellComm training).

Due to funding differences, some courses are for Bristol only. These include our in-person workshops (Learning Language & Loving It; Adapted More Than Words); and WellComm Early Years Toolkit online sessions. Please check whether there is a cost for additional resources accompanying each course.

Online resources

Please **see page below** for information and links to our own online resources (information videos, Talk to Me campaign resources, our online toolkit etc).

You can also find access to online courses and information from other providers.

Online Information Videos

Short information videos recorded on our YouTube playlist to share with colleagues and families

Confident Communicators

Learn about how we can support language development and help children get started with their talking

[Confident Communicators - YouTube](#)

Sorting Out Sounds

Learn about speech sound development and strategies to support clearer speech

[Sorting Out Sounds part 1 - YouTube](#)

[Sorting Out Sounds part 2 - YouTube](#)

Stammering

Learn about stammering plus what you can do to support a pre-school child who is stammering

[Stammering - YouTube](#)

For Early Years and Primary staff:

<https://bit.ly/stammering-EY-primary-staff>

Continuing Professional Development (online) from other providers:

- [CPD - Bristol Early Years](#)

[Bristol Early Years – Calendar](#)

[Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub \(beyth.co.uk\)](#)

[Training courses - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

[Evidence and resources | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

- Department for Education's Early Years Education Recovery Programme

[Early years education recovery programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Check out our Sirona webpages

[Early Years Speech & Language Therapy resources – Children and Young People's Services \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](#)

- **Online Toolkit** for a range of resources and information, including advice sheets and referral forms.

- **Talk to me!** Key message resources to share with families: 'Chat to me!' 'Play with me!' 'Share books with me!' 'Sing to me!'

- Information videos and bitesize clips to share with colleagues and families:

<https://bit.ly/EarlyYearsSpeechandLanguageTherapy>

Useful information

Our online training is free for practitioners in Early Years working in Bristol, South Gloucestershire & North Somerset.

In-person courses are not currently available to North Somerset or South Gloucestershire due to funding differences.

Please check whether the course is delivered online or in-person and whether there is a cost for additional resources accompanying each course.

Booking is via Eventbrite.

If you are unable to attend a course, please let us know in advance so that we can offer your space to someone else.

For more information visit:

<https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/speech-and-language/>

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