

What does it take to change practice with children with speech sound difficulties (SSD)?

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Asking the right people



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Cloutshire

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Private practice

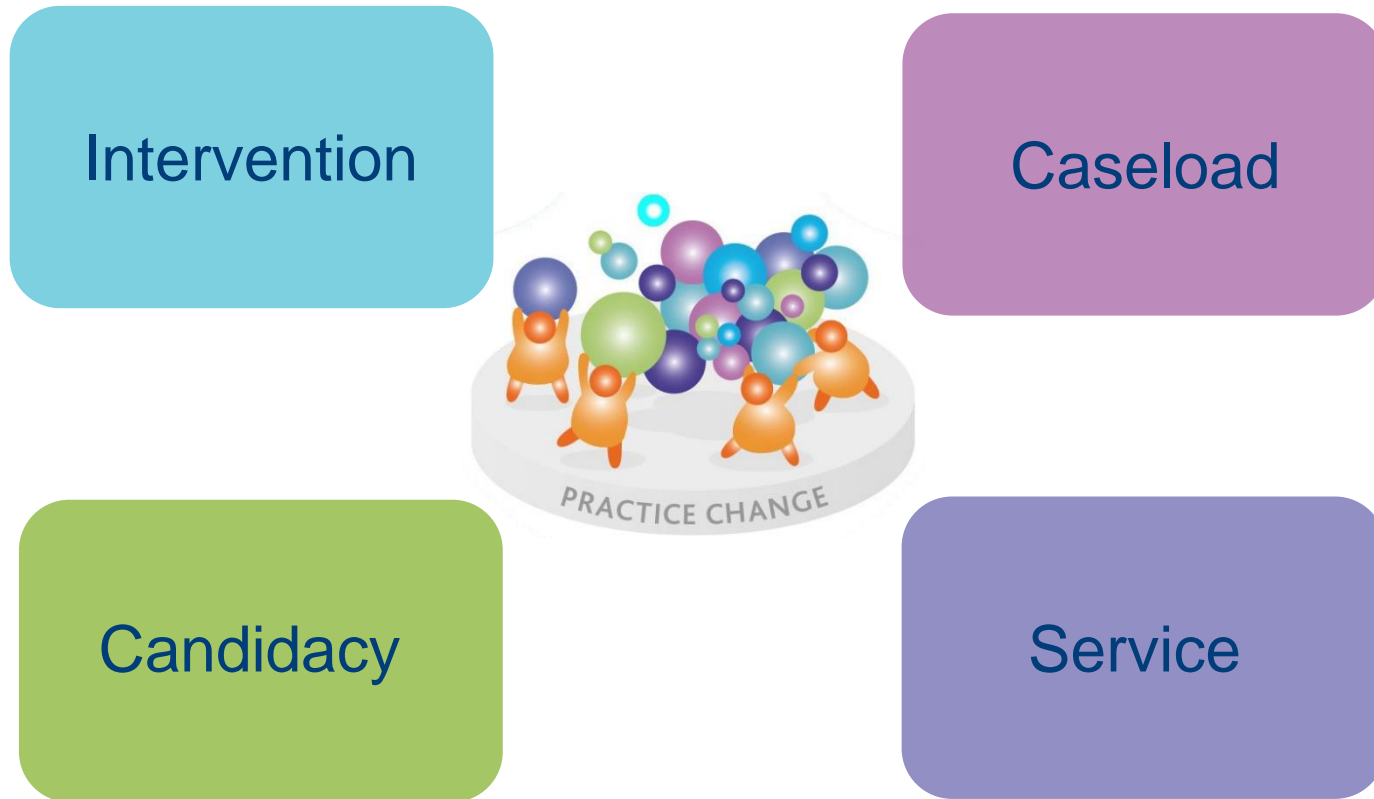
Keeping on questioning

UNDERPINNING QUESTIONS





1. What forces are maintaining or transforming this practice?
2. What other explanation might there be?
3. What makes this practice possible?
4. Where might I be wrong?

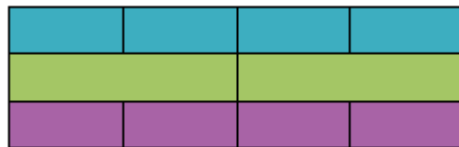
Case	Description
Transforming	Non-traditional interventions for selected children becoming part of local routine practice
Redistributing	Negotiated periods of intensive intervention for selected children becoming part of local routine practice
Venturing	Individual or informal groups trying out or using interventions that are not part of local routine practice with selected children
Personalising	Highly personalised intervention becoming part of local routine practice
Delegating	Specialist intervention via a therapy partner becoming part of local routine practice
Refining	Individual or informal groups of therapists making ongoing adjustments to intervention

Context is everything



Patterns of work for cases

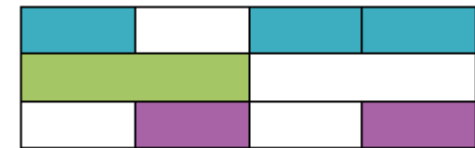
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-  = Candidacy dimensions (2)
-  = Caseload dimensions (4)
-  = Service dimensions (4) (not shown)



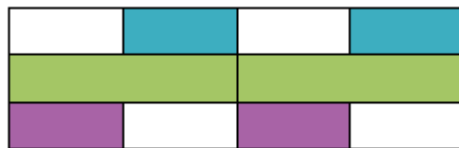
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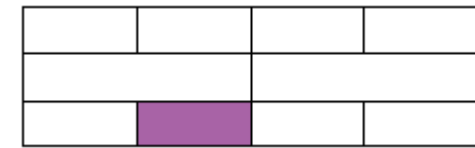
Venturing



Personalising



Delegating



Refining

What did Transforming take?

Intervention

Things
Process
Logistics
Theory

Caseload

Size
Time
Composition
Distribution

Candidacy

Specialist
knowledge
Therapeutic
sensitivity

Service

Model
Investment
Expectations
Possibilities



What did it take personally?

even though I'd spent YEARS doing phonology therapy.. but this.. to ME.. it was like it wasn't even phonology.. it was like something DIFFERENT...

caseloads are SMALLER now, but... we don't have ANY children that... 'just' has a phonological delay.. they're all [[mhm]] disordered

we've FORGOTTEN.. how HARD it was to get our heads round the DEAP? [[mhm]] I mean we all really.. s-struggled

It's.. made us think.. quite a LOT about it and realise the TIME it takes...

Further details

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