



## **Welcome letter from the Chair and CEO**

Welcome to Communicating Quality Live (CQ Live) the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists' (RCSLT) online professional guidance for the speech and language therapy profession.

### **First launch of CQ**

RCSLT published the first edition of Communicating Quality (CQ) in 1991, when RCSLT had a role in the regulation of its membership.

Over time, the role of the RCSLT has changed and the government has established new regulatory structures.

### **Role of the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)**

HCPC is now the regulator for the speech and language therapy profession. Its role is to protect the public by:

- setting legal standards,
- keeping a register of health and care professionals who meet the standards
- dealing with concerns about practitioners who do not meet the standards
- approving all education programmes for the professions it regulates.

### **Role of the RCSLT**

Our role is to:

- provide leadership for the speech and language therapy profession in the delivery of high-quality care
- promote excellence
- provide support to speech and language therapists.

As a profession we are committed to achieving better lives for people with communication and swallowing needs. We do this through our diverse range of knowledge and skills as practitioners, educators and researchers.

### **Development of CQ Live together with the membership**

We have taken account RCSLT's change in role. The emphasis is on guidance and resources which support members to meet required standards in practice.

As part of our new approach to CQ Live we ran CQ Live online workshops. More than 1,700 speech and language therapists took part. The aim was to encourage members to think about their professional role and constructively challenge what they do and why.

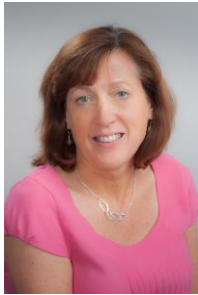
The CQ Live steering group were pleased by the richness of the online conversations which have shaped the development of this resource. They would like to thank all the RCSLT members who helped to develop this first edition of CQ Live.



### **CQLive – a vibrant community of practice**

Unlike the previous three editions of Communicating Quality, CQ Live will be living online guidance and resources. It will be developed in response to changes in professional practice, new evidence, policy and legislation to ensure it remains contemporary and fit for purpose. We will update it through engagement with the profession including regular discussions on hot topics.

We hope this will allow members to continue on the journey they have started in being part of a vibrant community of practice.



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