



Welcome letter from the Chair and CEO

Welcome to Communicating Quality Live (CQ Live) the RCSLT's professional guidance for the speech and language therapy profession.

The first edition of Communicating Quality (CQ) was published in 1991 when the RCSLT still had a role in the regulation of its membership. Over time, the role of the RCSLT has evolved, including in response to changes in regulatory structures established by government. The regulator for the speech and language therapy profession is now the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

The role of the HCPC is to protect the public. To do this, the HCPC sets legal standards, keeps a register of health and care professionals who meet the standards and deals with concerns about practitioners who do not meet the standards. It also approves all education programmes for the professions it regulates.

The role of the RCSLT is to provide leadership for the speech and language therapy profession in the delivery of high-quality care, to promote excellence and 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.

The development of CQ Live has taken account of this differentiation of role, with guidance and resources produced which add value and support the profession. The RCSLT guidance and resources exist to support members to meet these standards in practice.

The CQ Live online workshops encouraged members to think reflectively about their professional role and constructively challenge what they do and why. More than 1,700 speech and language therapists took part. The CQ Live steering group were heartened by the richness of the online conversations and would like to thank all the RCSLT members who helped to develop this first iteration of CQ Live.

Unlike the previous three editions of Communicating Quality, CQ Live will be living online guidance and resources that will be updated through engagement with the profession. 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. The dynamic nature of CQ Live will engage members in 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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