

Welcome

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Chair, RCSLT Board of Trustees



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RCSLT and the HCPC



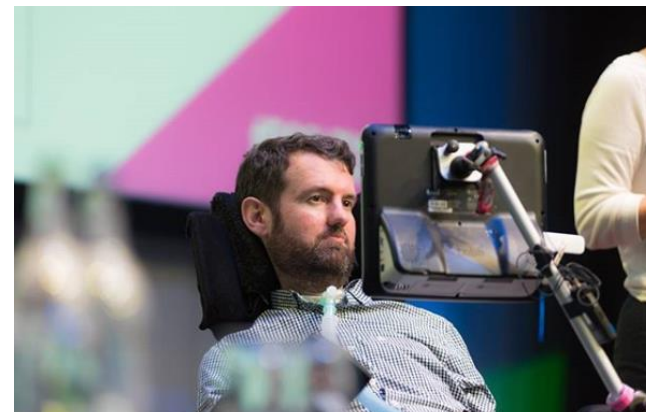
- Professional body
- Supports patients and practitioners
- Member-led, responds to government policy
- Holds the body of knowledge for the speech and language therapy profession
- Provides indemnity insurance



- Regulatory body
- Protects the public
- Operates in line with legislation – Health Professions Order
- Sets threshold standards of proficiency for health professions

Why is RCSLT so important to you and me?

- The RCSLT is the only professional body for SLTs in the UK
- It is the ambassador for our working practices and standards...which in turn supports people with communication and swallowing difficulties
- It is our professional network - sharing best practice and building collaborations with fellow SLTs
- It is where we can find the latest information about speech and language therapy and use it to keep up-to-date in our practice and reflect on it for our CPD (A requirement from the HCPC)



Euan MacDonald presenting at the RCSLT Conference in Glasgow on 27-28 September 2017. [#RCSLT](#) [#rcslt2017](#)



What does the RCSLT look like?

- Our members ARE the RCSLT (it looks like you!)
- Offices in London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast
- Member-led organisation: its work, how it is run and its legal commitments (its governance) is overseen by a Board of Trustees and committees which are largely comprised of its members
- Collaborative working with staff at the RCSLT: Senior Managers and teams, led by Kamini Gadhok, MBE, CEO



Our policy work aims to:

- Raise the profile of speech and language therapy in governments across the UK
- Inform and influence politicians and decision makers about communication difficulties and the impact these have on peoples' lives
- Provide the evidence to show why this should influence the development of national policy
- Work in partnership with other organisations who share our vision



For our campaign Swallow Awareness Day 2017

*Tom Peake at the international space station answering a question
How can you eat or drink in weightlessness? Doesn't it float back up?*

[#swallowaware2017](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/swallowaware2017)

Supporting members

Opportunities for sharing innovation, best practice and CPD

- Events
- Webinars
- Bulletin magazine

Professional networks

- Hubs
- CENs
- Research Champions

Raising awareness of the value of speech and language therapy through the Giving Voice campaign

Information, resources and tools

- The new RCSLT website
- Online CPD diary
- E-learning

Support for students

- HEI (Higher Education Institution) roadshows
- *Starting your career as an SLT guide*
- Student web pages
- National Student Study Day

And more...



- **Communicating Quality Live** – includes real-life scenarios that you can use to help professional practice dilemmas
- **Clinical Resources** – find information about 27 clinical areas
- **Research centre** and access to online journals

There will be more about these later...

RCSLT Mission Statement



**Better lives for people with
communication
and swallowing needs**

RCSLT Vision Statement

To be the professional body that
promotes excellence
and supports speech and
language therapy

In summary



OUR PROFESSIONAL BODY

WORKING WITH US AND FOR US

THE FUTURE OF RCSLT IS IN YOUR HANDS