

# Welcome

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# RCSLT and the HCPC



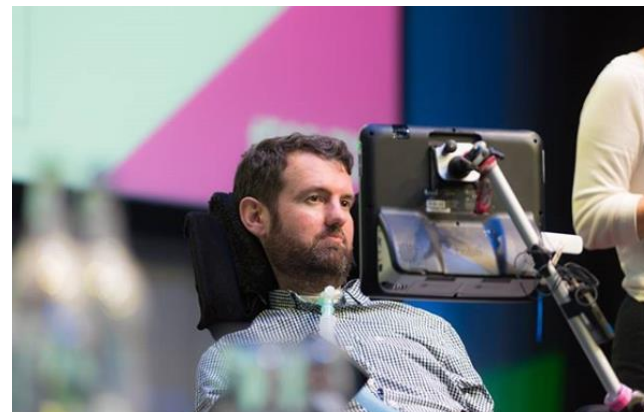
- Professional body
- Supports patients and practitioners
- Member-led, responds to government policy
- Holds the body of knowledge for the speech and language therapy profession
- Provides indemnity insurance



- 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/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