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## **Speech and Language Therapy Manager National Star**

### **What was your first role after graduating?**

Newly Qualified Practitioner within the SLT service at National Star, working primarily with a Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) cohort including complex Autism and Sensory Integration needs.

### **What does your current role involve?**

Line management responsibilities for a team of 25 Speech and Language Therapists and Speech and Language Therapy Assistants. Clinical specialism in the field of Autism, with caseload management comprising weekly discrete and embedded / integrated 1:1 session delivery and Social Communication group provision including Lego-based Therapy, within an academic year / term time only delivery model.

### **How did you progress from your first role to your current job?**

Having always had a professional aspiration to work in the fields of Learning Disability and education, I have actively engaged with relevant CPD and networking opportunities throughout my career to develop both my clinical and managerial knowledge, skills, and experience. This has enabled me to progress from Speech and Language Therapist, to Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, to Speech and Language Therapy Coordinator, to Speech and Language Therapy Manager, within a service and organisation that I love.

### **My advice to students looking to get into my current area of work:**

Be open to a range of clinical opportunities to help develop your areas of interest and specialism...you might surprise yourself! Therapeutic provision within a Specialist Further Education College is niche, fast-paced, rewarding, and an amazing privilege.

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