

## May 2023 Awareness Events

There are awareness events during May that are relevant to people with communication and/or swallowing needs. Here are some resources to support you if you want to promote the role of speech and language therapy in these areas.

If you know of other awareness events, please let us know on

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### General resources

- @includeorg, @givingvoicelds, @AphasiaChoir #OneWorldOfCommunication video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=l-rt9liR3ao>

- @StephFBurgess #SpeakUpForCommunication poem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FdpvbHUnFw>

### 1-31: Huntington's Disease Awareness Month

@RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/progressive-neurological-disorders>

For more information:

<https://www.hda.org.uk/>

@HDA\_tweeting #HuntingtonsDisease #LetsTalkHuntingtons

### 1-31: Make May Purple / Stroke Month

@RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/stroke/>

For more information:

<https://www.stroke.org.uk> <https://differentstrokes.co.uk/>

@TheStrokeAssoc @diffstrokes #MakeMayPurple

### **1-8: Deaf Awareness Week**

@RCSLT resources:

Webinar with @NDCS\_UK & @SLTHInetwork:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjC46fsSjns>

Clinical resources: <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/deafness>

Twitter Takeover on deaf mental health:

<https://wakelet.com/wake/ZTepMCNy1jpBMkyvJniDs>

For more information:

@NDCS\_UK @ActionOnHearing @CICSGroup @Elizabeth\_found

<https://www.nciua.org.uk/>

### **4: Airway Stenosis Awareness Day**

@RCSLT resources:

Giving Voice Twitter Takeover by @gemmaclunie

<https://wakelet.com/wake/WT6iNefnuqF58WQ6yFCkD>

### **6-14: Cleft Lip and Palate Awareness Week**

@RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/cleft-lip>

<https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/docs/policy/rcslt-supporting-people-with-cleft-lip.pdf>

For more information:

<https://www.clapa.com/awareness-week/>

@CLAPACOMMUNITY

## **8-14: Dying Matters Awareness Week**

@RCSLT resources:

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/end-of-life-care-overview/>

For more information:

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/our-campaigns/dying-matters/dying-matters-awareness-week>

@DyingMatters #DyingMattersAwarenessWeek #InAGoodPlace

## **14: Verbal Dyspraxia/Apraxia Awareness Day**

@RCSLT resources:

RCSLT clinical information: <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/speech-sound-disorders/#section-1>

Bulletin article: <https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/Project/Bulletins/bulletin-august-ask-the-experts.pdf>

For more information:

<https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

@DYSPRAXIAFDTN #VerbalDyspraxia

## **15-21: Mental Health Awareness Week (THEME IS ANXIETY)**

@RCSLT resources:

Clinical information (children and young people):

<https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/social-emotional-and-mental-health/>

Clinical information (adults): <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/mental-health-adults/>

Children and young people factsheet: <https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/docs/RCSLTCYPMHSA4Digital.pdf>

Adults factsheet: [https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/RCSLT\\_AMH\\_A4\\_4pp\\_DIGITAL\\_book.pdf](https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/RCSLT_AMH_A4_4pp_DIGITAL_book.pdf)

Mental health narrative: <https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/docs/Talking-about-mental-health-communication-and-swallowing-needs---FINAL---May-2020.pdf>

For more information:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

@mentalhealth #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

### **15-28: Foster Care Fortnight**

@RCSLT resources:

RCSLT factsheet on the Five Good Communication Standards + Looked After Children: <https://www.rcslt.org/-/media/Project/RCSLT/5-good-standards-a4-2019.pdf>

RCSLT factsheet on looked after children: <https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/Project/RCSLT/rcslt-looked-after-children-factsheet.pdf>

For more information:

<https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/get-involved/foster-care-fortnight#WhyWeCare>

### **15-21: Dementia Action Week**

@RCSLT resources:

RCSLT clinical resources: <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/dementia>

RCSLT factsheet: <https://www.rcslt.org/wp-content/uploads/media/Project/RCSLT/rcslt-dementia-factsheet.pdf>

For more information:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-action-week>

@alzheimerassoc @YoungDemNetwork @3NDWG @DementiaVoices

@AlzSocDemVoice #DementiaActionWeek

## **16-22: Action for Brain Injury Week**

@RCSLT resources:

RCSLT clinical resources: <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/brain-injury>

RCSLT news story on the UK Government's proposed acquired brain injury strategy: <https://www.rcslt.org/news/rcslt-welcomes-proposed-acquired-brain-injury-strategy/>

For more information:

<https://www.headway.org.uk/> <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/>

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@HeadwayUK @Childrens\_Trust #BrainInjury

## **30: World MS Day**

@RCSLT resources:

RCSLT clinical resources: <https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/progressive-neurological-disorders>

Video - <https://app.vyond.com/videos/5bf206d3-a937-4f0f-98ce-a8a4881a6327>

For more information:

<https://worldmsday.org/about/> <https://www.mssociety.org.uk/>

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