RCSLT DLD Research Priorities –
Second Phase Lead researcher

Project aim and objectives
The RCSLT has embarked on a project to develop the top priorities for new research in speech and language therapy, using a priority setting partnership (PSP). PSPs enable professionals, service-users, and families/carers to work together to identify and prioritise evidence uncertainties, in particular areas of health and care, that could be answered by research.

In 2019, a set of priorities for Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) were published. RCSLT is now looking to revisit and extended this project, to translate the research priorities into fundable research questions. This project will follow the methods used in the second phase of our PSP for learning difficulties.

More information:
- RCSLT webpages about all our priority setting partnerships
- Report including details of methods for second phase of learning disabilities PSP

The final outputs of this project will include:
- Identification of a set of final research questions, as prioritised by researchers, clinicians, people with lived experience of DLD and other stakeholders
- A project report
- A launch event (tbc)

Role and responsibilities
We are seeking a researcher to lead this project, with support from the RCSLT Research team. The lead researcher will be responsible for:

- Reviewing the priorities identified in phase 1
- Reviewing the process used in phase 2 of the RCSLT’s research priority setting partnership in learning disabilities, editing/adapting as required in consultation with the RCSLT
• Establishing research, clinician and service-user groups to consider these priorities areas in detail, map then to the current evidence base, and identify prioritised research questions within these areas
• Completing a project report (with the option to lead on an academic publication following this)
• Organising a launch event and supporting other dissemination activities e.g. liaison with funders, academic publication, conference presentations etc (depending on timelines)

**Timeframe and commitment**

The project will run until from December 2023 until March 2025. It is estimated that the work will require the equivalent of around one day per week across this time. However, the successful applicant will be able to manage their time according to the needs of the project.

The maximum fee payable to the successful applicant, subject to completion of the work, is £12,000. Payment will be linked to completion of key deliverables across the scope of the project. Timelines for these are flexible and will be finalised in collaboration with the successful applicant before being written into the contract.

**Application process**

Essential requirements for the candidate:
• well established knowledge, skills and networks in DLD
• experience of leading research and or other projects
• links to relevant key stakeholders in the area of DLD, including researchers, key partner organisations, and people with lived experience

Desirable:
• experience of research priority setting exercises.

If you feel you have the knowledge, skills and capacity required for this role, please complete the relevant application form and submit it to amit.kulkarni@rcslt.org by 5pm **Monday 20 November**.

We are open to applications from individuals or organisations. If you are applying as part of an organisation, the researcher who would lead this work should complete the form.
The RCSLT is committed to promoting a diverse workforce and to active policies which eliminate unfair discrimination. The RCSLT does not discriminate on any grounds other than the ability to carry out the job.

Applications will be considered to ensure that the successful applicant has the necessary expertise.

Any questions?

If you have any queries, please email amit.kulkarni@rcslt.org.