

# RCSLT Student to NQP Learning Day 2026

## Event Programme

**25 February 2026, 9.00-16.00**

Virtual event via Zoom

By attending the RCSLT Student to NQP Learning Day 2026, delegates will:

- Understand which essential skills and knowledge will be in demand in the future
- Hear from managers recruiting newly qualified practitioners about what they are looking for in NQPs
- Get practical tips from NQPs on finding your first role, and adapting to life as an SLT
- Hear experiences from colleagues working as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Gain a clearer understanding of EDS (Eating, Drinking and Swallowing) competencies and about what is expected of NQPs
- Take advantage of a unique networking opportunity to help you begin your journey in the profession

Programme (subject to change)

08.50 – 09.00 10 mins	<b>Log-in and test your Zoom</b>
09.00 – 09.10 10 mins	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Jamieson, CEO, RCSLT</li> </ul>
09.10 – 09.30 20 mins	<b>NQP goals review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Christopher, Senior Project Manager, RCSLT</li> <li>• Victoria Harris, Head of Learning, RCSLT</li> </ul>
09.30 – 10.30 1 hour	<b>NQP panel presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Green, SLT, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust</li> <li>• Stevie-Bea Bettles, Rotational SLT, Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust</li> <li>• Isabella Chong, SLT, Chiltern Way Academy</li> <li>• Roisin McDougall, SLT Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust</li> </ul>
10.30 – 10.40 10 mins	<b>Comfort break</b>
10.40 – 11.30 50 minutes	<b>NQP Q&amp;A</b>
11.30 – 12.00 30 mins	<b>Transitioning from pre-registration EDS competencies to EDS in the workplace</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathleen Graham, Senior Project Manager, RCSLT</li> </ul>
12.00 – 13.00 1 hour	<b>Lunch and networking</b>

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(breakouts rooms open from 12.20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being research active in your career</li> <li>• EDS competencies drop-in</li> <li>• NQP goals drop-in</li> <li>• Meet Clinical Academics in SLT CEN</li> <li>• Meet ASLTIP</li> <li>• Meet BBC Tiny Happy People</li> <li>• Meet Course Beetle</li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.00 1 hour	<b>Manager panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alix Lewer, CEO, The Include Project</li> <li>• Asma Khanum, CEO, Chatterbug</li> <li>• Krystina Stanway, Assistant Director of AHPs, Mersey Care NHS foundation trust</li> <li>• Suman Loyla, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust / Clinical Leadership and Education Fellow, NHS England Midlands</li> </ul>
14.00 – 14.10 10 min	<b>Comfort break</b>
14.10 – 15.00 50 mins	<b>Manager Q&amp;A</b>
15.00 – 15.10 10 mins	<b>Thanks and close</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Jamieson, CEO, RCSLT</li> </ul>
15.10 – 16.00 50 mins	<b>Optional networking with NQPs, managers and the RCSLT</b>

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