

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

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