



## **A short guide to the Developmental Language Disorder Research Priority Setting Workshop**

**22 January 2019, 10am – 4pm**

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, 2 White Hart Yard, London, SE1 1NX

### **What is the workshop for?**

The aim of the workshop is to decide the top questions for clinical research into identification, diagnosis, treatment and long-term impact of developmental language disorder. We will be working with a list of topics which came from a survey we carried out last year with speech and language therapists and research recommendations from published research articles.

We hope that this will help researchers focus on finding answers to questions which will make the most difference to people with developmental language disorder, carers and families.

### **Why is there a workshop to discuss research into identification, diagnosis, treatment and long-term impact of developmental language disorder?**

We all want high quality diagnosis, treatment and care for people with developmental language disorder. One of the ways to work towards this is by building step by step on existing research evidence. The questions that you all set at this workshop will inform future research which will help to improve the lives of people with developmental language disorder and carers.



### **Who will be there?**

The people taking part will be service users, carers, healthcare and education professionals who all have experience of or knowledge about developmental language disorder. These people will be making decisions together about the research questions they think should be prioritised.

The meeting will be run by trained facilitators: Amit Kulkarni, Lauren Longhurst and Katie Chadd from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, along with other colleagues. Their job is to make sure that everyone is included equally, listened to and has an opportunity to have their say.

### **Why do I have to register my interest?**

We want to ensure that we have a good spread of participants in the room to ensure a wide variety of views are represented (including healthcare professionals, education professionals, parents, and service user organisations), but unfortunately we have limited capacity. We will review everyone who has registered their interest by the deadline of 23 November, and notify you if you have a place by 30 November.

### **What will happen if I'm selected?**

There will be an introduction at the start of the day to explain how the workshop will run, and to point out the facilitators and organisers.

You will then work in small groups to discuss areas where more research is needed (research topics). With help from one of the facilitators, you will decide together the questions that are linked to this topic and the order of importance of the questions.

The topics will be printed on cards. The facilitator will use a poster template to help everyone develop questions related to the topic. You may be allocated to topics that are familiar to you and some that are not so familiar. You do not need to worry if you have more knowledge about some topics than others.

Lunch, refreshments and materials will be provided.

### **What do I have to do?**

Talk about your opinions and experiences.

Everyone at the workshop will have different views and ideas, and they are all valid and important. Everyone will be encouraged to share their views, but also to listen to each other.

We want to know your personal views and experiences on which research questions which could make a difference.

Amit, Lauren and Katie are there to support you and will make sure you have a chance to have your say.

### **Do I need to do anything to prepare?**

You will be sent a worksheet showing the topic areas we will be discussing at the workshop.

Please read through the list beforehand and email [lauren.longhurst@rcslt.org](mailto:lauren.longhurst@rcslt.org) if you have any questions.

### **What will happen after the workshop?**

The full list of research questions will be distributed to everyone who attends the workshop and a wider group of service users, carers, and education and healthcare professionals in a survey to decide on the top 10 priorities.

The top 10 most important questions for research will be published and reported widely so that researchers and research funding organisations can consider what research projects can answer these.

**Who do I contact to find out more or register my interest?**

Contact Lauren Longhurst, Research and Development Officer:

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- 0207 378 3029

The deadline for registrations of interest is 23 November 2018.