



**Lisa Ogden**

## **Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist Sutton Youth Offending Team**

### **What does your current role involve?**

Assessing Young people involved in the Criminal Justice System for SLCN and working with their network to understand and alleviate the impact of this in their day to day functioning including decision making.

### **What was your first role after graduating?**

Mixed Paediatric (Clinical and PMLD) and Adult Neuro.  
Via Adult learning disabilities.

### **At what stage did you decide which area of the profession you wanted to work in?**

I have worked in lots of different aspects of the profession . Each part led to an interest in another. I decided on Criminal Justice in 2009.

### **How did you progress from your first role to your current job?**

From my first role I went to a specialist school for children with language disorders and found I loved working with those with challenging behaviours. I worked in mainstream schools and an SEMH school, via management jobs, to a career break and wrote a proposal to the local YOT which they took me up on!

### **How have you used CPD to help you progress in your career?**

Again step by step, building on what came before. Attending CENs, and reading around the subject. Shadowing as well as attending training courses. Currently learning a lot about trauma and the effects on learning, language, behaviour and how to best support those young people.

### **My advice to students looking to get into my current area of work:**

Speak to SLTs working in the area. Be aware of the wide range of skills needed to deal with this hard to reach group. It can be hard work to get professionals on board with this client group so a thick skin is useful!

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