

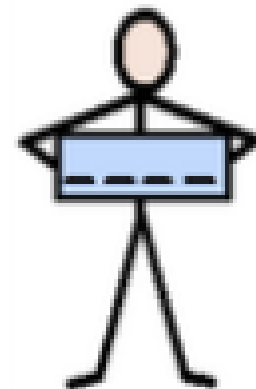
1 year on as a SLT

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Me

Hello my name is Eve



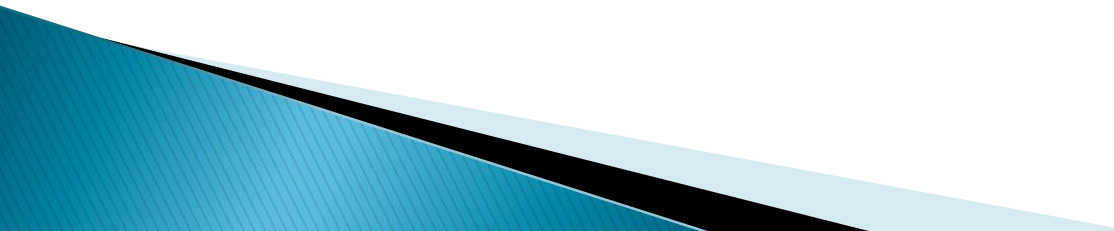
Speech and Language Therapist.

I work in a residential village for adults with learning disabilities who present with behaviours that can challenge.

Sheffield MMedSci graduate – qualified October 2017.

Finding a job

- ▶ Person specification
 - ▶ Mission statements/values
 - ▶ Reflections on experiences

 - ▶ Therapy assistant → NQP
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My job

- ▶ Hesley Village
- ▶ MDT – OT, behaviour therapy, psychology, care
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Direct therapy – Makaton, PECS, intensive interaction, social skills, life books
- ▶ Indirect therapy – training, visual resources, supporting care staff



My job

Other...

- ▶ Meetings, meetings, meetings
- ▶ Mental Capacity assessments
- ▶ Enabling people to be more involved in their care



Still learning!

- ▶ NQP competencies 
- ▶ Supervision – monthly, direct
- ▶ Dysphagia training
- ▶ Learning from other members of the MDT

Take home messages

- ▶ Working in learning disabilities is varied and draws on many skills we learn in paediatrics and adult acquired lectures / placements.
 - ▶ Sometimes the most valuable thing you can bring to a role is your values as a SLT – don't underestimate it!
 - ▶ Keep learning, keep pushing yourself– be brave!
 - ▶ Be honest with your supervisor, ask questions but also share the good stuff
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