DIVERSITY IN THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY PROFESSION

A snapshot

OVERALL NHS WORKFORCE

3.2%

MALE

(HPIC, 2019)

GENDER DIVERSITY IN SLT

Females were almost five times as likely to say they would consider a career in speech and language therapy (Greenwood et al. 2006)

ETHNIC MINORITY DIVERSITY IN SLT

In a study by Greenwood et al. (2006) ethnic minority participants said they placed greater importance on studying for a degree, a profession and a scientific career, and were more influenced by a career's prestige and a high salary, than white participants

CAREER CHOICES

Limited awareness, exposure and/or understanding of the SLT profession has been cited as a possible explanation for the lack of diversity within the profession (e.g. Greenwood et al. 2006; Litosseliti & Leadbeater, 2003; Stapleford & Todd, 1999)

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*SLP (speech-language pathologist) is used as an alternative term to SLT outside of the UK, where this research was conducted


Loan-Clarke Why do speech and language therapists stay in, leave and (sometimes) return to the National Health Service (NHS)


