



**Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists,  
Northern Ireland Hub Conference**

**Speech and Language Therapy: Delivering Transformation**

17 November 2018

Hilton Hotel, Paradise Walk, Castle Upton Estate, Templepatrick BT39 0DD

**Breakout sessions**

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**1. Transforming very young lives**

**The Welsh government approach to speech and language development in early years**

Catherine Pape, Specialist SLT, Powys University Health Board

**Making a difference in tiny lives: the development and impact of a neonatal and highly complex needs speech and language therapy network across Northern Ireland**

Julie Dick, Consultant SLT, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

**2. Transforming young lives**

**It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it: examining the delivery components of treatment evaluation**

Dr Vicky Slonims Senior Consultant SLT, Team Lead for Newcomer Neurodevelopmental Service and Visiting Reader in Complex Communication Disorders, King's College London Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience

**Evidence-based practice for children with phonological impairment: We have it SuSSD**

Natalie Hegarty, SLT and PhD Researcher, Ulster University

**3. Transforming older lives**

**Transforming EBP: What counts as evidence? Scaffolding informed decision-making by utilising the totality of knowledge and evidence**

Dr Arlene McCurtin, Lecturer in Speech and Language Therapy, University of Limerick

**The contribution of speech and language therapists to awake craniotomy; a UK perspective**

Michelle O'Neill, Advanced SLT, Ulster University

**4. Transforming our world**

**Communication access transforms lives**

Toby Hewson, Vice Chair, Communication Matters

**The public health perspective: how speech and language therapy transforms lives through delivering together**

Shima Choudhury, Regional Sure Start Speech Language and Communication Coordinator, Public Health Agency, Health and Social Care Board

**5. Transforming ourselves**

**Changing how we communicate online**

Alan Meban (@alaninbelfast), blogger, Tweeter, live-streamer, trainer

**Transform your presentation skills for maximum impact**

Arlene O'Connor, Director and Founder, Brown O'Connor Communications

**6. Transforming ourselves: students and newly qualified practitioners only**

**Making an impact – Interview and presentation skills in speech and language therapy**

Ceara Gallagher, Clinical and Service Lead for Preschool DLD, South East Health and Social Care Trust; Chair, RCSLT NI Hub Forum; and

Orla Duffy, Lecturer, Ulster University