

# Hana Whitty

Specialist Speech & Language Therapist

Hana specialises in working with children and adults who are on the autism spectrum. She has worked for the NHS and privately supporting children with a range of communication difficulties.

#### **Overview:**

Hana is experienced working with children aged 0-19, in the home, preschool and mainstream or special schools. Working in collaboration with families and staff Hana supports her clients to meet their goals. Hana has supported children with a range of communication needs, including children with delayed or disordered language, speech sound difficulties. She also has a great deal of experience working with children with autism who did not have any language and supported them to use and develop their own communication system.

Hana works as a clinical expert in Autism for NICE and contributed to the recently published updated guidelines on diagnosing Autism on children 0-19 years old.

In her spare time Hana volunteers in Belarus, working with children and young adults with physical and learning disabilities. She works for a charity that provide a summer camp for these children and young adults. Age Groups

- Pre School
- School Age
- Secondary School
- Young Adults
- Adults with LD
- Adults

## Location

North West

# Training and Clinical Approaches:

- Attention/Listening Activities
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices
- Auditory discrimination activities
- Cognitive Neuro Psychology model
- Colourful Semantics
- Concept Development
- Communication Passports
- Core Vocabulary Approach
- Derbyshire Language Scheme
- Developing Shared Attention (DSA)
- Dyspraxia Drills
- Early Intervention
- Hanen approaches
- Intensive Interaction
- iPad apps
- Literacy
- Makaton
- Nuffield Dyspraxia programme
- Objects of reference and symbol systems
- Parent-child interaction (PCI) therapy
- Phonological Awareness
- Picture Exchange Systems (PECS)
- Pre-teaching Vocabulary (and other word finding approaches)
- Psycholinguistic framework
- SCERTS
- See and Learn Programme
- Selective Mutism approaches
- Semantic Facilitation
- Semantic Links

- Signing Systems
- Sliding in approach
- Smooth Speech Techniques
- Social Communication Programmes; Talk about, Social use of
- Social Communication Strategies
- Social Skills/ ASD/ Self Esteem / Understanding yourself
- Social Stories
- Symbolic Play
- TAC PAC
- Tactile Communication Strategies
- Talk Boost
- Talking Mats
- TEACHH
- Total Communication Approach
- Visual Communication Strategies
- Visual Supports
- Vocabulary Drilling
- Voice Therapy
- Word Finding Approaches
- Workstations

### **Clinical Groups:**

- AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) Users
- Acquired brain injury (ABI)
- Adults with Learning Difficulties
- Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Children and Adolescent up to 19 years
- Cognitive Communication difficulties
- Down syndrome
- Dyspraxia
- Genetic Disorders
- Global Developmental Delay
- Foetal Alcohol/Foetal X Syndrome
- Forensic Settings
- Hearing Impairment
- Language disorder
- Language delay
- Learning difficulties
- Learning disability (LD)including Profound and Multiple LD
- Mainstream Schools
- Mental Health
- Multi sensory impairment
- Play Schools and Nurseries
- Rett Syndrome
- Selective Mutism
- Severe and Complex needs
- Social Communication difficulties
- Special Education Need settings

- Speech and language delay/disorder
- Speech sound difficulties
- Transgender
- Young Offenders

## **Professional Registration:**

HCPC RCSLT

#### Education:

Speech & Language Therapy Degree – 2:1 Birmingham City University

Applied Sociology – 2:2 Liverpool John Moores University

#### A Levels (Or equivalent) Psychology Business Studies

Sociology General Studies

#### GCSEs (O'levels)

Dual award Science Mathematics English Geography Sociology French Religious Education

References are available on request.

# Get in Touch

If you are interested in working with this therapist get in touch.

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