

An Overview of CPD and Tools Featured in the Integrated Communication and Language Pathway



A range of Communication and Language training is available here in Bolton to support children's early communication and language skills. Here are some of those we refer to within the Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway which many professionals use well to support improved communication and language outcomes for children. The role of Communication Champion (CC) within your team can ensure communication and language maintains a high priority as you as you develop your practice. Communication Champion/ Deputy CC are practitioners within school and PVI settings who have extra communication and language knowledge, attends regular. briefings and continual professional development (CPD) to enable them to maintain current knowledge and support colleagues. This supports early identification, as their additional knowledge of typical development enables them to signpost and access further support for families when needed and influence everyday interactions taking place between parent and child. Communication Champions work alongside the SENCO to support any children who need additional support following the guidance set out in the Communication and Language pathway and seek further advice/support from the Start Well Early Years Communication and Language Speech and Language Therapist.

Essential Communication and Language CPD and Resources from Start Well				
Training	Resources and links available	Links to the EYFS reforms age bands	Key Information	Training
Communication and Language Surgery	Monthly booking through Bolton Strat Well website. Resources shared during the session as appropriate.	EYFS framework, Ofsted, current research	A monthly opportunity to discuss any aspect of communication and language development with speech and language therapist and education consultants from the EYCLDS	See Start Well Website https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/
Communication Champion Briefing	Briefings recorded and put onto Start Well Website to share wider with teams.	EYFS framework, Ofsted, current research	Communication Champion from each setting come together termly as a learning group to share current local and national research and events, reflect on good practice and use of local and national tools	See Start Well Website https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/
Intro to the role of Communication Champion - Early	Essential skills of Communication Champion audit – will be shared at the training.	Birth to three – babies,	Runs termly. Gives clarity on the role of Communication Champion so that	See Start Well Website

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Communication and Language Development and Adult-Child Interaction Strategies	<p>C&L Pathway See Appendix 8; Role of the Communication Champion: Suggested Good Practice Guide in the Communication and Language pathway document.</p> <p>Start Well Website</p> <p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/homepage/20/bolton-early-years-integrated-communication-and-language-pathway</p>	<p>toddlers, and young children</p> <p>3- & 4-year-olds</p> <p>Reception</p>	<p>management and staff team understand what is expected from the role.</p> <p>Looks at the communication and language resources and how they can be used in practice.</p> <p>New CC consultancy group runs to offer further support to those who may need this.</p>	<p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/</p>
The Early Years Communication & Language Journey	<p>The Early Years Communication & Language Journey document</p> <p>Blank Level Framework Overview and Information Carrying Words explanation video.</p> <p>C&L Pathway – Appendix 4; Training opportunities and Appendix 6; Universal Assessment & Observation Tools</p>	<p>Birth to three – babies, toddlers, and young children</p> <p>3- & 4-year-olds</p> <p>Reception</p>	<p>The Early Communication and Language Journey resource is an essential tool which will support parents and professionals to understand early communication and language development. This shared understanding of typical development will support the early identification of any emerging needs, which can then be addressed to enable children to reach their full potential and go on to be school and life ready.</p>	<p>See Start Well Website</p> <p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/</p>

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Supporting children learning EAL	<p>Supporting Children learning English as an additional language (EAL) Setting audit tool</p> <p>Guidance also in The Early Communication and Language Journey – Appendix 3</p>	<p>Birth to three – babies, toddlers, and young children</p> <p>3- & 4-year-olds</p> <p>Reception</p>	<p>This session delivers essential knowledge and activities to support your understanding of how children learn additional languages and will enable you to support EAL learners and their families within your setting.</p>	<p>See Start Well Website</p> <p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/resources/learning-development/3?documentId=3&categoryId=7</p>
WellComm Toolkit and Intervention	<p>This assessment would typically be accessed in the ‘Extra Help’ section of the Pathway refer to section 3 of the C&L Pathway</p> <p>C&L Pathway Appendix 4: Training Opportunities</p> <p>C&L Pathway Appendix 7; WellComm Good Practice Audit Tool Guidance Document Bolton Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway – Bolton Start Well</p> <p>Further information around criteria and around referrals can be accessed here:</p> <p>Bolton Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway – Bolton Start Well</p>	<p>Birth to three – babies, toddlers, and young children</p> <p>3- & 4-year-olds</p> <p>Reception</p> <p>Can be used with children between 6 months and 6 years</p>	<p>Utilised by a range of Early Years professionals to support more joined up working in an evidence-based way</p> <p>This targeted assessment screen identifies communication and language areas to support for children where there are concerns with their communication skills.</p> <p>The accompanying intervention provides targeted activities to be used by professionals and in the home.</p> <p>The process of screen – intervention – rescreen provides key information on</p>	<p>See Start Well Website</p> <p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/</p> <p>See Start Well Website</p> <p>https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/homepage/20/bolton-early-years-integrated-communication-and-language-pathway</p>

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			<p>progress and support for accessing more help from other professionals.</p> <p>WellComm Good Practice Tool can support best practice to be embedded</p> <p>Bolton Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway – Bolton Start Well</p>	
Supporting Language Development in Year One: How WellComm Can Help.	WellComm Good Practice Audit Tool Guidance Document Bolton Early Years Integrated Communication and Language Pathway – Bolton Start Well	EYFS and Key Stage One.	Raising awareness of the WellComm screen and intervention and exploring how this can continue to be used into Year One to support speech, language and communication needs.	See Start Well Website https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/
Embedding a language rich environment: enabling adults as the main resource.	Full day session coming Spring Term with funding. A focus on interactions, vocab development and embedding your Toolkit of interventions including WellComm. Aimed at leaders and Communication Champions within PVI settings and school. Gov.uk website for additional information	Birth to three – babies, toddlers, and young children 3- & 4-year-olds Reception	Various audits available from EYCLDS: Interaction guidance. Communication and Language environment audit Start Well Music, Rhymes and Phonological Awareness Audit	Contact the EYCLDS for more information.

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	https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/communication-and-language Link to C&L environment audit https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/2019/6/17/Environmental-audit.pdf		Additional information on Interactions/ Exploring language and Listening and Understanding. Sharing examples of good practice	
Training offered on request around the interventions mentioned in the Communication and Language Pathway.	BSP, speech & language resources for schools, therapists & parents (blacksheepress.co.uk) EYBIC Word Pack (elklan.co.uk)	EYFS Birth – 3 years, 3-4 years Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Through Listening • Nursery Narrative • Early Years Based Information Carrying Words (EYBIC) 	Contact EYCLDS for more information and to express an interest.

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