

## Senior Support Worker – Speech and Language Therapy

### Role specific tasks

With Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) guidance, support and supervision:

Provide a range of therapeutic interventions for people with acquired disorders of communication and swallowing. These interventions are aimed at promoting independence and improving quality of life.

Carry out therapy programmes to improve speech, language, communication and swallowing.

For people with a range of acquired communication disabilities, help to identify barriers to communication and appropriate strategies to overcome them.

Provide supported conversation to practice these strategies and enhance functional communication.

Support the implementation of hi and lo tech AAC (alternative and augmentative communication).

Make therapy and other resources. This involves using software programmes, researching pictures online, printing, photocopying, laminating etc.

Undertake mealtime observations of people with swallowing disorders to support assessment and treatment planning.

Support the delivery of training programmes for a range of staff.

Provide admin support e.g. helping to maintain equipment and other databases.

Community only:

Gather additional information from referrers via telephone to support triage decisions.

Support care home staff to implement our Eating and Drinking Good Practice Guideline.

Provide technical support to patients to enable them to have video calls with Speech and Language Therapists.

#### Key documents:

- RCSLT Support Worker Framework 2023 (Level 2)
- Eating, Drinking and Swallowing Competency Framework (Level 3)