



Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF)



The SLCF is a free online professional development tool from The Communication Trust, accessible to all, which sets out the skills and knowledge that everyone working with children and young people need to support the speech, language and communication development of those they work with.

Speech, language and communication (SLC) are central life skills. They are linked to learning, attainment, behaviour, social and emotional development as well as mental well-being, so it is essential that everyone working with children and young people understands the importance of their role in supporting and developing these crucial skills.

The SLCF is a self-evaluation tool which enables individuals to assess their skills, knowledge and confidence in SLC, to highlight their professional development needs, and to find training, resources or information to 'fill the gaps' identified by the SLCF. Individuals can track their continuing professional development (CPD) progress over time, allowing them to see where their knowledge and confidence has increased.

In addition, the SLCF provides short online universal level activities to support learning or enable practitioners to check how much they know about a particular aspect of SLC development or speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

The SLCF also has a group function allowing groups of practitioners, departments, whole settings and organisations to assess their collective strengths and development needs and track progress over time. This function can enable settings to prioritise and plan CPD, to inform objective setting and appraise practitioners based on their CPD progress.

To access SLCF visit www.slcframework.org.uk