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Speech and Language Therapist

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SUMMARY

I qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 2004 and have over 20 years of experience working with adults across NHS and independent settings. My clinical specialisms include swallowing and communication difficulties after stroke and brain injury, progressive neurological disorders, prolonged disorders of consciousness, voice (ENT) conditions, adult stammering, and adult speech sound disorders. I have extensive experience across acute medical, intensive care, in-patient rehabilitation, community, and out-patient settings and currently work in independent practice. My clinical work involves comprehensive assessment, collaborative goal setting, and the development and delivery of tailored, evidence-based therapy programmes for adults with a range of conditions. I work closely with multidisciplinary colleagues to ensure a holistic and person-centred approach.

Alongside clinical practice, I am a Senior Lecturer on the MSc Speech and Language Therapy course at Canterbury Christ Church University, and a Research Fellow, holding an award from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). My research focuses on aphasia following stroke and brain injury. I am internationally recognised as an expert in severe and global aphasia post stroke/brain injury.

Since 2019, I have also undertaken expert witness work, receiving instructions from both claimant and defendant solicitors (approximately 80% claimant, 20% defendant). I have prepared over 30 expert reports and am well acquainted with my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR Part 35). My experience includes completing quantum and liability reports, contributing to joint statements, and participating in expert discussions.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post Graduate Certificate (PGCert) in Higher Education, University of Greenwich, 2023.
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Language & Cognition, University College London (UCL), 2020.
- Master of Research (MRes) in Speech, Language and Cognition, UCL, 2008.
- BSc (hons) Speech Sciences, UCL, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS:

- Fellow of the Higher Education Authority
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)
- RCSLT Stroke Leadership Clinical Excellence Network (England Representative)
- Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice

- RCSLT Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Excellence Network
- RCSLT Tracheostomy Clinical Excellence Network
- RCSLT Aphasia Therapy Clinical Excellence Network
- Abstract Reviewer: British Aphasiology Society (BAS) International Conference (2023, 2024), Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Conference (2021, 2022).
- Peer Reviewer: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB) applications, Augmentative and Alternative Communication Journal

SPECIALIST TRAINING & COURSES (selected):

- Bond Solon-Discussions between experts (2025)
- Cognitive Communication Disorder (2025)
- Working with Adult who Stammer Refresher Course -City Lit (2025)
- Bond Solon- The law and a practical guide to the expert's role (2024)
- British Aphasiology Society Aphasia Therapy Masterclasses (2023)
- Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) (2023)
- McNeil Dysphagia Therapy (MDTP) (2022)
- Bond Solon- Excellence in Report Writing (2021)
- Management of Patients in Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness (2021)
- The Sensory Modality and Rehabilitation Technique (SMART) (2020)
- Improving Voice: Management and Therapy for Voice Disorders (2019)
- Respiratory Muscle Strength Training for Voice and Swallowing Disorders (2019)
- Managing Behaviours that Challenge in Brain Injury (2016)

CURRENT ROLE

Director/Clinical Lead Speech & Language Therapist-Acquire Speech & Language Therapy Ltd (Jan 2019-current)

Main Tasks/Duties:

- Management of a team of Speech and Language Therapists and assistants
- Clinical caseload assessing and treating adults with aphasia, dysphagia, cognitive communication difficulties, speech sound difficulties e.g. lisp, voice difficulties or stammering.
- Delivery of specialist interventions such as Vocational rehabilitation, MDTP and LSVT.
- Medico-legal work and expert reports.
- Provision of dysphagia and tracheostomy training to nursing homes/ independent hospitals and rehabilitation units
- Clinical supervision for NHS and Independent Speech and Language Therapists

Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy-Canterbury Christ Church University (Sep 2023-current)

PREVIOUS ROLES

- **Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy**-University of Greenwich (2020-2023)
- **Head of Adult Speech & Language Therapy & Therapy Lead for Acute Medicine** -Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London (2015-2019)
- **Interim Clinical Lead Speech & Language Therapist** (Adult Community Services) -East London NHS Foundation Trust, Newham, London (Feb-Sep 2014).
- **Lead Speech and Language Therapist (Stroke/Neurology)** - North Middlesex University Hospital Edmonton, London (2010-2014).
- **Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (Elderly and Stroke Rehabilitation)** - Barts Health NHS Trust, London (2009-2010).
- **Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (Neurology/ENT)** Haringey Community Health Services, London (2008-2009).
- **Research Speech and Language Therapist (Institute of Neurology)** (2007-2008)
- **Senior Speech and Language Therapist (Acute Medicine/ICU)** Macclesfield District General Hospital, East Cheshire (2006-2007)
- **Speech and Language Therapist (Stroke/ENT)** -Macclesfield District General Hospital, East Cheshire (2004-2006).

INVITED TALKS (selected)

- 2026 Keynote: Dutch Aphasia Symposium: Global Aphasia
- 2025 National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery Global Aphasia Study Day
- 2025 Portuguese Society of Speech & Language Pathology Global Aphasia Webinar
- 2025 Danish Association of Speech & Language Pathology Global Aphasia Webinar
- 2024 Aphasia Therapy Clinical Excellence Network Global Aphasia Webinar
- 2023 Manchester Local Care Organisation Severe Aphasia Study day
- 2023 National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery Global Aphasia Study Day
- 2023 British Aphasiology Society Masterclass: Therapy for Global Aphasia
- 2020 Centre for Speech & Language, Intervention Research: Global Aphasia

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2023 British Aphasiology Society International Scientific Conference (oral)
- 2020 Centre for Speech, Language, Intervention Research (oral)

- 2018 British Aphasiology Society International Scientific Conference (oral)
- 2018 UK Stroke Forum Conference (poster)
- 2017 British Aphasiology Society Therapy Symposium (oral)
- 2016 International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference (poster)
- 2016 UK Stroke Forum (poster)

PUBLICATIONS

Adjei-Nicol, S., Beeke, S., Sacchett, C. (2025) Evaluating the effect of a non-linguistic cognitive intervention for global aphasia: A case series study. *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*, 60, e13155.

Day, S. E., Kessie, A., Owusu Antwi, A. A., **Adjei-Nicol, S.**, Bampoe, J. O., Lima, R. R., & Lamptey, D. (2024). Speech-language pathology tele-mentoring projects in global health contexts: Partnerships, payoffs and progression. *Journal of Clinical Practice in Speech- Language Pathology*, 1–16.

Adjei-Nicol, S. (2023) Working with Global Aphasia: Theory & Practice. London: Routledge.

Adjei-Nicol, S. (2023) Unfolding Hope, in Malik, M. (ed) *A Vision from the Margin: Intersectional insights on navigating diversity in speech and language therapy*. Havant: J & R Press, pp. 10