

Nathalie is a Speech and Language Therapist who works in a complex needs team. She has used the SLCF to provide some of the evidence needed for a CPD diary which formed part of an audit from the Health and Care Professions Council.

Nathalie works across two large Special Schools in Lincolnshire, covering ages 2 to 19. She also works with pre-school children as a Speech and Language Therapist in the community.

“I first heard about the SLCF through some promotional material sent out by The Communication Trust. I do a lot of work with augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), my children might have I-pads or use eye gaze devices, for example, so I was looking for information on AAC when I first signed up.

I’ve gone through the SLCF once a month for the last few months, and, after the SLCF suggested seeking further awareness I attended a level 2 AAC awareness training day which was really useful. I have reached 100% confidence in the Universal and Enhanced levels and am now working towards the same in the Specialist level, still using the SLCF graphs to evidence my learning progress.

As a Speech and Language Therapist, I need to be registered as a health professional with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), for quality and compliance purposes. Every two years the HCPC choose registrants at random to audit so they can ensure those registrants are continuing their professional development. I’ve been chosen this year and the SLCF has been extremely useful in providing the evidence and information I needed to update my CPD diary. It’s hugely cut down the amount of time I would otherwise have spent trawling through the internet and my journals for the information.

In my full time job, I’m not allocated any CPD time and it can be quite difficult to fit in time for researching and undertaking CPD, so I really do appreciate the time saving aspect of the SLCF.

My next steps are to continue my ongoing development in my specialist area, working with AAC and children with complex needs, using the SLCF to help identify my learning needs. I would definitely recommend the SLCF to others and I have recommended it to my colleagues already.”

Nathalie, Speech and Language Therapist