INCLUSION BY DESIGN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER (DLD)

This document accompanies the *Inclusion by design for children and young people with DLD* SENCo PowerPoint. It includes references and further resources and materials which can be used by school-based professionals to support children and young people with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), as well as those with wider speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

Relevant resources

Universal tools:

The Communication Commitment is a free framework for developing a whole-school approach to communication including an action plan, toolkits and resources: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/communication-commitment/

Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF) is a free online professional development tool, for use as a self-audit of skills and continuing professional development (CPD) needs in the area of SLCN, with suggested resources for development: https://www.slcframework.org.uk/the-speech-language-and-communication-framework-slcf/

Environmental audits are a free resource and provide a structured way to check if a classroom is communication friendly:
- KS1: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/93866/tct_bcrp_csc_final.pdf
- Primary: http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/643573/communication_friendly_environments_checklist_june_2018.pdf

Primary Talk is a universal training programme that supports the communication development of all children aged 4-11, including those with SLCN: https://ican.org.uk/training-licensing/i-can-programmes/primary-talk/

Moving on! is a universal resource that can be used to support all children (including those with speech, language and communication needs) to transition from year 6 to year 7 (secondary school). It includes a teacher guide and an activity pack: http://blog.ican.org.uk/2013/11/moving-on-new-i-can-resources-for-year-6-pupils-parents-and-teachers/

I CAN's No Pens Day Wednesday website has loads of activities and resources for supporting spoken language in all children: https://ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday/

Tools to help identification:

Universally Speaking is a series of free booklets which show where children should be with their communication skills at any given age: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/universally-speaking.aspx

What's typical talk posters for primary and secondary aged children are a free resource which give an indication of typical speech, language and communication development in children at different ages:

- Primary: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/1590/primary_milestone_poster_-_final.pdf
- Secondary: https://ican.org.uk/media/2081/whats-typical-talk-at-secondary.pdf

I CAN's Progression Tools (available across age ranges up to 18) can help with the identification of SLCN and also provide a clear means of monitoring progress: https://ican.org.uk/shop/

I CAN's Talking Point website has lots of free tools to support identification of SLCN including the progress checker for children up to 11 years: www.ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/progress-checker-home/

I CAN also have a free help line where you can speak to a speech and language therapist for advice. Call 0207 843 2544; more information at: https://ican.org.uk/enquiry-line/

Language for Learning checklists are a free resource that you can use to guide your observations of children's speech, language and communication skills: https://www.spelfabet.com.au/2014/01/language-for-learning-checklist

DLD population calculator: https://radld.org/about/dld/population-calculator/

Tools and resources for support:

A series of introductory and intermediate webinars on DLD developed by I CAN and Whole School SEND for primary teachers, secondary teachers, SENCos and senior leaders can be found at https://ican.org.uk/dld-webinar-series/ and on the SEND gateway: www.sendgateway.org.uk/resources

A video about SLCN produced by Whole School SEND can be found on the SEND gateway: www.sendgateway.org.uk/resources/condition-specific-video-speech-language-and-communication

Free, online short course about SLCN: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/professional-development/online-short-course/

I CAN's *Talk Boost*s are targeted interventions for children who have delayed language (ie, those children whose language difficulties are thought to be due to a lack of communication-supportive experiences). However, children with DLD may still benefit from these interventions www.ican.org.uk/talk-boost/

Talk about Talk Secondary (also referred to as *Talk for Work*) is a programme aimed at developing communication skills needed for the workplace for years 9, 10 and 11 www.ican.org.uk/training-licensing/i-can-programmes/talk-about-talk-secondary

DLD and Me is a 12-week programme to help children and young people with DLD understand their strengths, what DLD is and how they can support their own communication in everyday life: www.dldandme.co.uk

What Works is a useful database to check the evidence connected to speech, language and communication programmes: https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/what-works-for-education-settings/

Black Sheep Press Secondary Talk Narrative (KS3 – 4) provides templates for different genres of narrative to help support children with their written language:

https://www.blacksheeppress.co.uk/product/secondary-talk-narrative-ks3-4/

Communication passport template:
https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/599128/communication_passport.pdf

For more information on supporting post-16 transition for young people with SEND, see:
www.sendgateway.org.uk/resources/securing-good-transitions-resource-pack-support-next-steps-key-stage-4-pupils-send

There is lots of information on Twitter about DLD, see and tag: #devlangdis

Videos about DLD:

Introduction to DLD videos:
- Primary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-s02HWLb0&vl=en-GB
- Secondary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwOfkj0dj_0
- Adult: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbP2DakcbIk&feature=youtu.be

Why language is important for mental health: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-orJLnCgGJw

How DLD might present in the classroom: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAsf_Wqjz4g

Communication supportive practices: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1ZbRpU9jak

Importance of DLD diagnosis: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noP6N6J_IBM

Adapting your language in the classroom: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNf-VHzClPE

Resources for children and young people with DLD and their families:

www.dldandme.co.uk is a website to raise awareness about DLD – for children and young people to learn about DLD and share how they have told others.

www.DLDandme.org is a website for raising awareness of DLD with support and resources.

The DLD project is an Australian website that has lots of useful information for families of children with DLD www.thedldproject.com

https://padlet.com/naplicchair/e83ts3jjjrw1?fbclid=IwAR2ec4cTwGC5Bi10vBe2r5VbJ4FvT3-6EOt8AWMH32EYKbxF68yZrkUBvtQ is a website that has been collated by NAPLIC and has links to a range of resources to support families of children and young people with DLD and SLCN.

Relevant organisations

I CAN is the UK's leading charity for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs. For webinars, videos and resources about DLD visit: https://ican.org.uk/dld-webinar-series/

RADLD is a campaign to raise awareness about DLD https://radld.org/

NAPLIC is an organisation of teachers, SLTs and other professionals working with children with language difficulties https://www.naplic.org.uk/

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) has information about DLD on its website: https://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/clinical-information/developmental-language-disorder

Afasic is an organisation which supports the parents of children with speech, language and communication needs https://www.afasic.org.uk/

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