



Neuro Rehab
Group



ISOBEL CHICK

CURRICULUM VITAE

Isobel qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 2017 with an MSc in Speech and Language Therapy from the University of Reading. She is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council and is a certified member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

Isobel initially worked for South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust within the Children's Speech and Language Therapy service before moving to work with adults and older adolescents with acquired communication and swallowing disorders at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust in 2018. She has experience working with a complex caseload of clients with a variety of needs, ranging from profound communication impairment to those with high level narrative or prosodic impairments. She also has significant experience working with those who exhibit behaviours that challenge.

Isobel is a qualified dysphagia practitioner and has provided assessment and therapy for individuals with eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties including rehabilitation for clients who rely on non-oral (enteral) feeding such as percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG).

Isobel also has significant experience assisting with completing mental capacity assessments for vulnerable adults.

Isobel has worked in residential care settings, clients' homes and outpatient clinics offering direct assessment and therapy and has also provided remote therapy via telehealth, as well as providing communication and swallowing training for carers. Isobel has experience of working closely with members of the multidisciplinary team, including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Dietitians and carers to support people to meet their functional therapy goals. She is passionate about supporting people to live as independently as possible within their own homes and communities and is committed to delivering person-centred, client-focused therapy.

Isobel is particularly interested in the management of acquired communication difficulties such as dysarthria, acquired apraxia of speech, cognitive communication disorder and aphasia, including supporting clients to implement and utilise Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) methods. She is also a specialist practitioner in assessment and therapy for dysfluency (stammering and cluttering) and developed Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust's clinical pathway for adults with dysfluency.

Isobel has supported newly qualified therapists and placement students across the Allied Health Professions pathways and played a key role in developing and implementing the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme for Speech and Language Therapists within Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, including feeding into cross-Trust dysphagia CPD across the West Midlands. She is an active member of several local and national Clinical Excellence Networks and is committed to maintaining and developing her professional skills.

Isobel has a Level 1 certificate in British Sign Language and is also proficient in Makaton. She is a certified Lee Silverman Voice Treatment practitioner.