



ELICIA JONES

CURRICULUM VITAE



Elicia qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 2016 with a BSc in Speech and Language Pathology from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow and received the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia student prize for her dissertation. She is a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) and is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

Elicia began her career in 2016 as a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, providing 1:1 therapy support for students in mainstream and specialist schools. In 2017, Elicia was successful in acquiring a job working for East Lancashire Hospital NHS Trust working with adults in both the acute and community settings. In 2018, she accepted a promoted role and began to specialise in the area of stroke. This post included working across the stroke pathway with patients and families from initial contact on the acute stroke wards through to therapy on the rehabilitation wards and also in the community. Her work included providing remote therapy via telehealth and developing resources for online therapy sessions. During this time, Elicia further helped to support the RCSLT in the development of information relating to telehealth, attending various meetings and also as a guest speaker on the RCSLT telehealth webinar discussing her own experience of using telehealth.

In 2020, Elicia relocated to London to work at Barts NHS Trust, one of the largest trusts in England and began working in one of London's busiest and culturally diverse hyper acute stroke units. This involved assessing and diagnosing a range of conditions related to complex communication, dysphagia and facial palsy management. Elicia continued her development at Barts NHS Trust being promoted in 2021 to Team Lead for the Acute Speech and Language Therapy Team at Whips Cross Hospital. During this time, Elicia became an AHP career ambassador as part of a project in London which aimed to inspire and motivate people to understand more about working as an AHP, particularly working with members from BAME communities.

In 2022, Elicia returned to the North West of England where she currently works and lives. At present, Elicia works as one of the Acute Team Leads at the largest NHS trust in the UK. Elicia works with patients across the hospital but has a specialist interest for working on the Intensive Care Unit, the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit and the North West Ventilation Service. She provides advanced and specialist knowledge in the assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic management for patients who are acutely unwell, those with complex neurological conditions, patients with progressive conditions such as motor neuron disease and also patients with acquired complex communication and swallowing disorders. Elicia works on a daily basis with patients who have complex respiratory conditions, patients with tracheostomies and those dependent on the ventilator support.

She is trained in providing further instrumental assessment of swallowing disorders including videofluoroscopy assessment, trained to a 2A level in the deliverance of Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and also providing specialist swallowing therapeutic treatment such as Expiratory Muscle Strength Training (EMST) and Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (Ampcare's Effective Swallowing Protocol).



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Elicia is an active member of several local and national Clinical Excellence Networks (CENS) such as British Aphasia Society, Dysphagia CEN, Tracheostomy CEN and the Functional Neurological disorder networking group. Elicia also has a Level 1 certificate in British Sign Language.

Elicia has a keen interest for research. From 2017-2022, Elicia was an active member and Deputy Director of the ReSNetSLT action group, an online research and journal club which aims to analyse current research through discussions with other AHPs from around the world using the social media website Twitter.

Elicia is passionate MDT clinician and actively participate in MDT working on a day to day basis, offering to support complex decision making for those individuals with communication impairments or regarding complex decisions around eating and drinking. She has also provided extensive communication and swallowing training for other health professionals, carers and also staff working in nursing and care facilities'.