



Fazila Dawjee

Speech and Language Therapist

Expert Witness



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General Background

Fazila qualified as a Speech & Language Therapist (SLT) in 2017 and has since been working in the NHS. She has gained significant clinical experience in the acute and neuro-rehabilitation settings. She is skilled in managing complex caseloads, prioritising patients based on clinical need and risk, and providing evidence-based interventions to support adults with varying degrees of swallowing and communication disorders.

Work Experience

Fazila currently works in Critical Care, General Medical and Surgical wards. She manages a shared caseload to assess, diagnose and treat adult patients with complex communication, swallowing and tracheostomy weaning needs. She is involved in managing patients' post-extubation to assess and review dysphagia and dysphonia. Through recent experience and developing specialist knowledge of Critical Care, Fazila has completed the core and critical care RCSLT (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists) tracheostomy competencies. Through application of clinical knowledge and experience, Fazila can identify the need for performing instrumental assessments such as Fiberoptic Endoscopy Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) & Videofluoroscopic Swallow Study (VFSS) to identify laryngeal injury which may impact on swallowing and voice. She is able to recognise the impact of managing secretion difficulties to contribute to tracheostomy weaning and swallow rehab. She works closely with the Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) to promote holistic care for patients.

Fazila has had experience shadowing the lead ENT SLT to enhance knowledge and experience in the field of Head & Neck (H&N) Cancer. This involved managing the SLT H&N inpatient caseload to assess patient's swallowing and provide dysphagia management whilst working closely with the wider MDT.

Fazila spent a brief period working for the Stroke Early Supported Discharge (ESD) team. Within this role, she lead the SLT caseload for the service, focusing on facilitating recovery and enhancing quality of life for stroke patients who had communication &/or swallowing difficulties. She assessed and delivered therapy (face-to-face & via telehealth) to patients with communication and swallowing difficulties in the community. She attended weekly MDTs to discuss patient progress and inform decisions.

Fazila has had experience working in neuro-rehabilitation settings. She implemented a variety of formal and informal communication assessments to guide management for patients with acquired brain injuries (ABI) e.g. Aphasia, Dysarthria, Dyspraxia, Cognitive Communication Disorders (CCD). She provided daily therapeutic interventions for patients in neuro-rehabilitation settings.

Throughout her career, Fazila has had extensive experience of working closely with the wider MDT to inform decisions and joint sessions to provide holistic and person-centred care.

- **Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: 2020-Present**
Speech & Language Therapist
- **Your world Healthcare: 2020**
Locum Speech & Language Therapist
- **Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: 2019-2020**
Speech & Language Therapist
- **Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: 2017-2019**
Speech & Language Therapist
- **South West Yorkshire Partnership: 2014-2017**
Speech & Language Therapist Assistant

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Professional Qualifications

Clinical Practice in Dysphagia. Leeds Beckett University - December 2017

BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy. Beckett University 2014-2017

BA (Hons) Childhood Studies. Leeds Metropolitan University 2010-2013

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Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Ltd since 2025. Experience gained in acute hospital and neuro-rehabilitation settings as well as the community Stroke Early Supported Discharge service. Evaluation and assessment of speech, language, communication and dysphagia and clinical management, together with that of extensive experience of reviewing case files and report writing, that has facilitated the development of skills to prepare expert witness reports.

(Awaiting on attendance of the Bond Solon Certificated Legal Training Courses: "Excellence in Report Writing" and "Courtroom Skills – Witness Familiarisation")

Skills

- Excellent communication skills - fluent speaker in English and Gujarati, basic Makaton and BSL
- Exceptional written skills
- Good prioritisation skills
- Proficient IT skills using various software programmes
- Excellent MDT working skills
- Experience in audit and data collection for service development
- Able to deliver patient centred care
- Able to multi-task and work flexibly
- Self-motivated and committed to CPD

Memberships

Certified member of the RCSLT (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists)

Registered with the HCPC (Health Care Professions Council)