Elklan - aiming higher with communication

**Elklan is a range of accredited courses, devised by Speech and Language Therapists Liz Elks and Henrietta McLachlan.**

The courses aim to empower those working with children and young people to improve their speech, language and communication skills. They develop understanding of communication and provide practical strategies which can be implemented immediately.

The Speech and Language Therapy Service within Wolverhampton currently have two Speech and Language Therapists who are accredited Elklan Tutors.

Across the city we have now trained over 500 teachers, SENCOs and practitioners across a wide range of schools, nurseries and Early Years settings.

Elklan training courses that have been delivered include:

- Supporting the Speech, Language and Communication of children under 5
- Speech and Language Support in the Classroom
- Communication Support for Children with Complex Needs
- Supporting Speech, Language and Communication for Verbal Children with ASD

The courses have also helped to improve awareness of the importance of Speech, Language and Communication within education. They have also highlighted how providing a communication enriched environment can benefit all children, not just those with identified SLCN.

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Some comments from previous participants:

- “I felt I could remember more from this course than others I’ve attended purely by the hands on approach”

- “A great course, interesting and relevant”

- “Extremely interesting. I have learnt lots of new strategies to use within my setting, which will be very valuable”

- “Very informative, good ideas for children with additional languages”

- “Exceptionally useful for future practice”