Supporting your professional development

Embracing the future together

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RCSLT Online Outcome Tool (ROOT)
Data-driven service delivery
The standards of proficiency for speech and language therapists

“...speech and language therapists must be able to assure the quality of their practice” (standard 11)

HCPC: Quality

11.1 engage in **evidence-based practice**

11.2 gather and use feedback and information, including **qualitative & quantitative data**, to evaluate the response of service users to their care

11.3 monitor and systematically evaluate the quality of practice, and maintain an effective **quality management and quality assurance process working towards continual improvement**

11.4 participate in **quality management**, including quality control, quality assurance, clinical governance and the use of appropriate **outcome measures**

11.5 **evaluate** care plans or intervention plans using recognised and appropriate **outcome measures**, in conjunction with the service user where possible, and revise the plans as necessary

11.6 recognise the value of **gathering and using data** for quality assurance and improvement programmes
RCSLT Vision

“Evidence-based practice firmly established in the profession and outcomes measured routinely”

Useful resources

Key questions to ask when selecting outcome measures: a checklist for allied health professionals

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RCSLT GUIDANCE
Measuring outcomes outside individualised care
The RCSLT Online Outcome Tool (ROOT) supports speech and language therapy services with:

- Collecting and collating Therapy Outcome Measures (TOMs) data
- Evaluating and reporting outcomes

The ROOT in numbers

- 83 organisations actively using the ROOT
- 100+ organisations have registered
- 81,000 outcomes in the database

[Map showing locations in the UK]
What does the ROOT do?

Data  Information  Intelligence
How?
**TOP 5 REASONS TO USE THE ROOT**

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<td>Ensures high quality care for your patients</td>
<td>Evaluates the impact of your interventions</td>
<td>Supports improvement of your speech and language therapy services</td>
<td>Highlights the impact of your service to key stakeholders, including funders and commissioners</td>
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<td>Provides a 'temperature check' of your overall outcomes, supporting SLTs with their clinical decision making and reflective practice</td>
<td>Assists with identifying what is working well and where there are areas for improvement</td>
<td>Informs decisions about service delivery and evidences the need for change</td>
<td>Enables SLTs to demonstrate the difference that they make and showcase the value of speech and language therapy</td>
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"ROOT equips us with a means of highlighting the areas where we have effected positive change."

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Training
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Interrogating the data
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