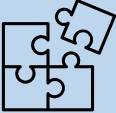








Storyboard at a Glance...

- Families
- Environment
- Workforce
- Identification
- Intervention
- Universal
- Targeted

An Early Language and Communication Improvement Story Board from Scottish Borders

SLT targeted supports in conjunction with EY education

 The issue	 The team	 Our idea
<p>SLT's were working largely in a 1:1 capacity with young people, carry over was supported by Early Years staff but there was a lack of building wider capacity within the workforce to support children with speech, language and communication development in the context of increasing demand and pressures on all services.</p>	<p>Children & Young People's Speech and Language Therapy team & Early Years Settings across Scottish Borders Council</p>	<p>CYP SLT service offering a range of targeted training packages on supporting speech, language and communication development</p>
 Tools & resources we used.	 What we did	 The impact
<p>CYP SLT Team developed / offered targeted training sessions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wee Talk Borders Keys to Communication Signalong Fluency Speech Sound Development 	<p>Staff teams highlighted via RFA conversations/ contacting the advice line/ direct conversations / social media</p> <p>Generally online sessions / some in person sessions</p> <p>1 or 2 sessions per package</p> <p>26 training sessions offered to EY teams since April 2022</p>	<p>Trained 156 SBC EY staff since April 2022</p> <p>Some learning clusters more represented than others</p> <p>SBC EY staff report that they feel better equipped to support young people with communication needs</p>
 Our learning & next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uptake stronger where relevance of targeted training is identified by the EY team themselves • Uptake and sustainability stronger where we already have an established working relationship • Joint development of Inclusion in action with PSHVT service – keen to collaborate on future joint projects with education colleagues • We want to work towards developing stronger links at learning cluster level in order to develop a more responsive and tailored targeted offering • Work towards representing all 9 clusters in future targeted working 	

Early Language and Communication Project

- We want to offer a conversation before a formal request for assistance is made – early intervention and prevention before raising parental concerns and to make SLT advice as accessible as possible to all EY staff at all levels
- Long term goal is to build a culture of continuous development towards communication friendly nurseries & classrooms for all
- Early stage conversations re a pilot of joint targeted input into Earlston Cluster underway which will encompass EY teams within the cluster



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