

# Talking Speech Therapy

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## **Safeguarding Policy**

Talking Speech Therapy delivers independent speech and language therapy to children via teletherapy or in an educational setting. It is owned and directed by myself, Victoria McKinnon Blackburn, Speech and Language Therapist.

I am registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), the professional body that regulates Standards of Proficiency for Speech and Language Therapists. My HCPC membership no SL28414. I am a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, my membership no is RC0024161. I am also a member of the Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice (ASLTIP).

The safety and wellbeing of everyone I work with is always paramount. I have completed the yearly mandatory training Safeguarding Level 3 for adults and Safeguarding Level 3 for children in June 2020.

I have an enhanced DBS check for both children and adults. My DBS Certificate no is 001698857965. I am registered on the annual update service. And my update Service ID is C1054551113. This will enable organisations to check online to see my DBS status.

I ask that:

- children are accompanied by a parent / supervising adult (e.g. TA or nursery practitioner) at all times during therapy sessions.

I have public liability insurance from the RCSLT – *view certificate [here](#)*

I have a statutory duty to report any suspected neglect or abuse of a child or vulnerable adult to the local authority safeguarding services. I will usually discuss this with the family/carer or organisation prior to making a report unless this is deemed to pose further danger to the child or adult.

*Teletherapy:*

In the event that we need to work remotely, a child must be supervised by a responsible adult during teletherapy sessions. I may record therapy sessions but this is only for the purposes of assessment or feedback. *All video recordings will be deleted after feedback.*

This is stored in line with Data Protection/ GDP Regulations and my current privacy policy – available to download.

I use encrypted video conferencing facilities (Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption) - namely the [Jitsi Meet](#), [Zoom](#) and [Microsoft Teams](#) video conferencing platforms.

*Infection control:*

I refer to the current government guidelines for infection control. I have completed the yearly mandatory training on Infection Control June 2020.

I ask that children /adults do not attend a physical therapy or assessment session if they have an infectious illness e.g. within 48 hours of diarrhoea and/or vomiting or symptoms of Covid-19.

I will also not attend a physical therapy session if I have an infectious illness.

*Mandatory Training completed every year:*

1. Conflict Resolution
2. COSHH
3. Counter Fraud
4. Equality & Diversity
5. Fire Safety
6. First Aid
7. Food Hygiene
8. Infection Control
9. Information Governance
10. Complaint Handling
11. Preventing Radicalization
12. RIDDOR
13. Safeguarding Level 3 - Adults & Children
14. Lone Worker
15. Health, Safety and welfare
16. Handling Violence, Aggression & Complaints

*For more information please refer to the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapy safe guarding documentation available to download [here](#).*