



5 NEW Communication Hubs launching Spring 2023

In 2019 the Norwich Opportunity Area launched the Communication Hubs model to provide early years practitioners with new CPD and networking opportunities to help support children's early speech, language, and communication development.

The Early Years Learning and Achievement Service are now very pleased to announce that from spring 2023 we will be launching **five new Communication Hubs** in each of the following Norfolk districts:

- **Great Yarmouth & East**
- **Broadland**
- **North Norfolk**
- **King's Lynn and West**
- **South Norfolk**

The new Communication Hubs offer has been co-produced with both system partners and early years providers using the extensive feedback we received from our Autumn speech and language questionnaire. As a result, here is what you can expect from the new Communication Hubs offer:

- **Half termly network meetings** that alternate between face to face and online delivery (as voted for by the majority of respondents).
- Evening meetings that start from 6:30pm.
- **High-quality CPD** based on the areas that providers told us they would like more support with.
- Opportunities to **share best practice**, build relationships and network with other local settings.
- Optional 30 minute '**speech and language surgeries**' to allow practitioners the opportunity to talk to a local speech and language therapist and ask practice-based questions. (These surgeries will require practitioners to submit their questions in advance).
- Opportunities to speak with your local **Early Years Advisor and Improvement Development Worker**.
- Improved access to speech and language resources via a small **resource library** that practitioners can browse during face-to-face meetings. (In the mid-long term, this will be extended to a resource borrow scheme).

Target audience & cost

Childminders
 Early Years Setting Practitioners
 School Nursery & Reception Teachers/Teaching Assistants

£0 – Fully funded

Training provider

Early Years Learning and Achievement Service

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Whilst we do encourage practitioners to make use of their local Communication Hub, please note that practitioners can attend any of the five new Communication Hubs or one of the five pre-existing Communication Hubs listed below*:

- The North Norwich Communication Hub
- The Lakenham Communication Hub
- The Peapod Communication Hub (for community groups)
- The 0-2 Communication Hub (focused on 0-2 best practice)
- The Breckland Communication Hub

*Please note, the five pre-existing Communication Hubs established by the Norwich Opportunity Area, have their own offers and agendas. Please get in touch with them directly to find out more, using the details on this [flyer](#).

Booking:

To book onto a new Communication Hub network meeting as listed below, please use the Provider Portal. Booking is limited to two practitioners per setting and spaces will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

If you would like to stay for the optional 30-minute Speech and Language Surgery at the end of the meeting (8pm-8:30pm) and you have a practice-based question to ask, please submit this via the Microsoft Form that will be sent to you after booking.

Spring term 2023 – Network Meeting 1 Theme: Speech and Language Screening and Intervention Tools Guest Speaker: CCS Speech and Language Therapy Services Delivery mode: Face to face				
Code	Communication Hub	Venue	Dates	Times
CH001	The North Norfolk Hub	The Links Hotel, West Runton	Thursday 26 January	6.30pm-8pm (Optional surgery 8pm-8.30pm)
CH002	The Gt Yarmouth & East Hub	The Imperial Hotel, Gt Yarmouth	Monday 30 January	6.30pm-8pm (Optional surgery 8pm-8.30pm)
CH003	The King’s Lynn & West Hub	Knights Hill Hotel, Kings Lynn	Tuesday 31 January	6.30pm-8pm (Optional surgery 8pm-8.30pm)
CH004	The South Norfolk Hub	Hethel Engineering Centre, Hethel	Monday 6 February	6.30pm-8pm (Optional surgery 8pm-8.30pm)
CH005	The Broadland Hub	The Nest, Horsford	Monday 6 February	6.30pm-8pm (Optional surgery 8pm-8.30pm)