



Communication Hubs Autumn 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.

Since then, The Early Years Learning and Achievement Service have launched **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 Communication Hubs offer was 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 your local Communication Hub:

- **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 still attend any 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 one of the new Communication Hub network meetings, please use the Provider Portal. Booking is limited to two practitioners per setting for face-to-face meetings and spaces will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. For online meetings, there is no booking limit for practitioners from the same setting.

If you would like to stay for the optional 30-minute Speech and Language Surgery at the end of each 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 before the meeting.

Autumn term 2023 – Network Meeting 5				
Theme: Practical strategies and talking tips to support communication in the setting				
Guest Speaker: Emma Ferris from Communicate				
Delivery mode: Face to face				
Code	Hub	Venue	Dates	Times
CH021	The King’s Lynn & West Hub	Knights Hill Hotel, King’s Lynn	Wednesday 4 October	6.30pm-8pm*
CH022	The Broadland Hub	Sprowston Manor, Norwich	Thursday 5 October	6.30pm-8pm*
CH023	The North Norfolk Hub	The Links Hotel, West Runton	Tuesday 10 October	6.30pm-8pm*
CH024	The South Norfolk Hub	Hethel Engineering Centre, Hethel	Wednesday 11 October	6.30pm-8pm*
CH025	The Gt Yarmouth & East Hub	The Imperial Hotel, Gt Yarmouth	Thursday 12 October	6.30pm-8pm*

*Each meeting includes the option to stay for a Speech and Language Surgery from 8pm-8.30pm. This will be led by the Hubs speech and language therapist.

Autumn term 2023 – Network Meeting 6

Theme: Supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Guest Speaker: Su Sengupta, Respectrum Advisory Services

Delivery mode: Online via Teams

Code	Hub	Venue	Dates	Times
CH026	The North Norfolk Hub	Online, Teams	Wednesday 22 November	6.30pm-8pm*
CH027	The South Norfolk Hub	Online, Teams	Thursday 23 November	6.30pm-8pm*
CH028	The Broadland Hub	Online, Teams	Monday 27 November	6.30pm-8pm*
CH029	The King's Lynn & West Hub	Online, Teams	Monday 27 November	6.30pm-8pm*
CH030	The Gt Yarmouth & East Hub	Online, Teams	Tuesday 28 November	6.30pm-8pm*

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