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# Communication Hubs Summer 2024

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** – a mixture of in-person and online deliveries (this may vary each term)
- 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 Adviser 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 audiences and cost

Childminders  
Early Years Settings  
School Nurseries &  
Reception Classes

£0 – Fully funded

## Training provider

Early Years & Childcare



Whilst we 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.

<b>Summer 2024 – Network Meeting 9</b>			
<b>English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Speech, Language and Communication Needs</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Hub &amp; Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>CH041</b>	<b>King's Lynn &amp; West Hub</b> Online	Tuesday 7 May	6.30pm-8pm*
<b>CH042</b>	<b>North Norfolk Hub</b> Online	Wednesday 8 May	6.30pm-8pm*
<b>CH043</b>	<b>South Norfolk Hub</b> Online	Monday 13 May	6.30pm-8pm*
<b>CH044</b>	<b>Gt Yarmouth &amp; East Hub</b> Online	Tuesday 14 May	6.30pm-8pm*
<b>CH045</b>	<b>Broadland Hub</b> Online	Wednesday 15 May	6.30pm-8pm*



**Summer 2024 – Network Meeting 10**  
**Language, Communication & Literacy**  
‘Take one story...’

<b>Code</b>	<b>Hub &amp; Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
CH046	<b>North Norfolk Hub</b> The Links	Monday 24 June	6.30pm-8pm*
CH047	<b>South Norfolk Hub</b> Hethel Engineering	Tuesday 25 June	6.30pm-8pm*
CH048	<b>Broadland Hub</b> The Nest	Wednesday 3 July	6.30pm-8pm*
CH049	<b>Gt Yarmouth &amp; East Hub</b> The Imperial Hotel	Tuesday 2 July	6.30pm-8pm*
CH050	<b>King’s Lynn &amp; West Hub</b> Knights Hill Hotel	Wednesday 3 July	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.