



NEWSLETTER

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It has been a very unusual year for all of us but our research to help us understand more about communication impairment and the impact of speech and language therapy has continued. Read on to hear about some of our work during 2020.

Grant success

BSLTRU is funded entirely through research grants. This funding enables us to carry out research which informs our work as speech and language therapists and contributes to the lives of those with communication or swallowing impairments and those who care for them.

Recent successes include funding from the ARC West for a PhD studentship on psychoeducational training for families of children with Developmental Language Disorder and a grant from the Underwood Trust to develop an 'audio logo' for individuals with communication impairment when they use the phone.



**Welcome to our
Newsletter**

Yvonne

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to hear more about our work and opportunities as they become available. (see end of newsletter)



Working well
together

Congratulations

Yvonne Wren, Sam Harding, Juliet Goldbart and Sue Roulstone - A systematic review and classification of interventions for speech-sound disorder in preschool children

Amongst articles published between January 2018 and December 2019, this article received one of the highest number of downloads, citations and generated immediate impact. This helped to raise the visibility of

***International Journal of
Language & Communication
Disorders.***



TOP CITED ARTICLE 2018-2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Yvonne Wren, Sam Harding, Juliet Goldbart & Sue Roulstone

whose paper has been recognized as
a top cited paper in

International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders

WILEY

The Council for Allied Health Professions Research Champions in the West of England produced films in 2019 on how to get involved in research as an AHP. The research champions scheme in England is supported and funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Council for Allied Health. You can see the films here at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCinTfsS2kBBCWcTrTkaG7DA>



*Katherine Broomfield
AHP research champion
West of England*



*Sandi Derham
AHP research champion
West of England*

Congratulations to Caitlin Holme who was awarded a PhD studentship from the Heather van der Lely Foundation In June 2020. Her PhD research is focused on children's language development and parent-child interactions, drawing on her previous research experience in both linguistics and speech and language therapy.



Congratulations to Miriam Seifert , BSLTRU, who was awarded Southwest Regional Health Education England (HEE) funding to prepare a NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship application in the area of children's speech sound disorder.

Our other successes include

NIHR Predoctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship awards for Hannah Lane and Lucy Rodgers, SLTs in Yorkshire and Sussex. Southwest Regional HEE funding for Sarah Gibbin, SLT with North Bristol NHS Trust, to prepare a NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship application to look at outcomes for individuals following traumatic brain injury.

Southwest Regional HEE funding for Janine Andrews, SLT with Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust to complete an internship at BSLTRU, looking at the oral health care needs of acute inpatients.

November 2019
BSLTRU strategy day forward
planning -
followed by ...

.... a Team Building afternoon
at Wild Place
Research is always on our mind



Although our
youngest
researcher is
ready for a nap!

For the 3rd Year running BSLTRU has been awarded the **Green Impact** - sustainability engagement and accreditation scheme.
This year we achieved the SILVER award.



Dr Sam Harding collected our **Green Impact Silver award** on behalf of the BSLTRU Team from Matthew Champion, Sustainable Healthcare Engagement Coordinator at NBT

Strange times

Needless to say it's been a trying 6 months since March 2020 and the onset of Covid-19. Some of our staff were redeployed during this time, while others have had to adapt to different ways of working.



Pictured is Dr Sam Harding, Senior Research Associate at BSLTRU - who was redeployed to PPE COVID Bronze Command – the team was responsible for coordination of Fit Testing and fit for purpose PPE at North Bristol NHS Trust.



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Technology has been invaluable, it's amazing how we all managed to adapt to the new normal.

Just one of our many virtual meetings

It took a bit of practice and a few attempts but we got there in the end!



And finally as the Autumn and Winter months approach, we hope you stay safe and well. With best wishes from the team at BSLTRU



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