Every Child a Talker

The ECaT programme has been designed to improve the skills and expertise of the early years workforce in early language development, and it aims to raise children's achievement in early language as measured against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. 15 settings in the most vulnerable areas are centrally funded for the ECaT programme each year, however the programme is available for settings and schools to commission themselves. The programme is suitable for all early years settings and mixed nursery/reception foundation stage classes.

Recruitment for the 2014 cohort will take place in April-May

The ECaT programme is one year long and includes:

- Settings identifying a member of staff to take on the role of the Early Language Lead Practitioner (ELLP)
- 2 full days of Language for Learning Foundation Stage training
- 3 half day cluster meetings to explore knowledge, share skills and expertise
- In setting support – the ECaT team visit regularly throughout the duration of the programme to support the setting in implementing their action plan.
- ELLPs collect data at the start and end of the programme about the children's level of language functioning in order to plan for development.

ECaT has shown positive outcomes on children's language development and practitioner knowledge and confidence. Practitioners develop competences at an enhanced level of the Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF). Year end reassessments have demonstrated significant reductions in the number of children at risk of language delay following ECaT support. During the most recent phases (ECaT 4 and 5), almost half of the 36 settings enrolled had 50% or more of their children assessed 'at risk'. This had been considerably reduced to 1 in 5 settings by the end of the programme. During ECaT 5, the number of children deemed to be 'at risk' dropped to half over the course of the programme.

The ECaT programme costs £1,500 per setting

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE PROGRAMME CONTACT: Rosalind Pow, ECaT Programme Manager on 01562 752749 or rosalind.pow@nhs.net

Form to register interest overleaf

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Registering Interest in Programme

Name	
Role	
Setting/School	
Manager	
Type of Setting (PVIM)	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone	
Email	
Number of children and age range	
Other information (e.g. high number of children with poor language, enthusiastic staff, good support from manager for new initiatives etc)	

Return forms to:

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