



Worcestershire speech and language services share best practice at national conference

Worcestershire Children's Speech and Language Therapy Services shared best practice at the national NAPLIC conference held at Warwick University on 2nd-3rd April. The local team led two workshops focused on a universal approach to supporting children with speech, language and communication needs. Liz Spooner and Jacqui Woodcock, Speech & Language Therapists and authors of *Teaching Children to Listen* shared their innovative, whole class approach to support children's listening skills. Kathryn Sugars, Head Teacher and Keren Mousley, Speech & Language Therapist reported on a two year project at Foley Park Primary, creating a whole school approach to support speech, language and communication skills. Worcestershire was praised by Jean Gross, national Communication Champion pictured below with the team, '*Worcestershire's speech and language therapy service has some of the best practice I have seen. The team are innovative and nationally celebrated. Most importantly, they are making a big difference to outcomes for children*'.

A DVD demonstrating best practice, filmed at Foley Park Primary and produced by Worcestershire's Language for Learning project will be launched to all early years settings and schools across the county in June as part of a series of events supporting the *Hello* campaign, the national year of communication.

For more information about Worcestershire speech and language services, local Hello campaign events and the Language for Learning DVD, contact Emma Jordan at Emma.Jordan@worcspct.nhs.uk



Pictured left to right, Kathryn Sugars Head Teacher Foley Park Primary School, Keren Mousley, Speech & Language Therapist, Jean Gross, National Communication Champion, Liz Spooner, Specialist Speech & Language Therapist and Jacqui Woodcock, Clinical Service Lead for Speech & Language Therapy Services