

## Expert Profile

# Sadia Hussain

<b>Profession</b>	Speech & Language Therapist
<b>Qualifications</b>	BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy
<b>Specialisms</b>	Adult Neurological and ENT conditions; Bilingual Urdu (Punjabi) Speaking / Interpreting
<b>Registration</b>	HPC SL10526

### Introduction

I qualified in 2003 from University College London and my professional career has expanded over 14 years. From the outset, I took an interest in the field of neurological disorders (including brain injury, stroke and dementia) and critical medical conditions (including tracheostomy care).

I have worked within acute, rehabilitation and community settings, assessing and treating individuals with communication and swallowing disorders. I have held specialist posts at Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital as the lead therapist for dysphagia, at the Alderbourne Rehabilitation Unit as the lead in neuro-rehabilitation and in a specialist community rehabilitation team across North Surrey.

I currently work in the private rehabilitation sector, assessing and treating individuals in hospital and community settings. I continue to develop therapy services and focus on training and implementing care pathways.

I turned to medico legal work in 2010 with an expertise in communication and swallowing disorders arising from neurological conditions. I regularly work as an expert witness and undertake instructions from both Claimant and Defendant Solicitors. I am fully aware of my responsibilities under the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) pertaining to Expert Witnesses.

### Professional Affiliations

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists  
Clinical Excellence Group: Dysphagia  
Health Care Professionals Council  
Association of Independent Speech & Language Therapists in Independent Practice  
Headway

### Professional Education

2003 BSc (Hons) Speech Sciences, University College London

### Current Employment

*Independent Speech & Language Therapy Service, Independent Practice*

Start: **April 2009** - End: **Current**

Please see introduction for details

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### Work History

*Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough*

Start: **May 2013** - End: **February 2014**

Acute Medicine, Critical Care, Stroke and Neurological conditions

- Speech-Language service delivered at Wexham Park hospital on medical wards, oncology wards, critical care and the Stroke Unit.
- Supervision and support provided to junior therapists to support dysphagia practice.

*Early Supported Discharge for Stroke and Neurological conditions in the community-Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Band 7), **Surrey Community Health- Woking Hospital, Surrey***

Start: **December 2010** - End: **May 2013**

- Developed the role of Speech-Language in the Early Supported Discharge (ESD) Team for Stroke.
- Worked closely with the multi-disciplinary team and the Stroke Coordinator.
- Provided support and supervision working with community rehabilitation team

*Lead for Neuro-rehabilitation (Sub Acute and Rehabilitation)*

*Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Contract: Band 7), **Alderbourne Rehabilitation Unit***

Start: **October 2009** - End: **November 2010**

- Speech-Language Therapy lead
- Specialist caseload of acquired brain injury and degenerative conditions.
- Participated in MDT, Goal setting, discharge meetings and supported the formation of care pathways.

*Clinical Lead for Dysphagia and Critical Care (ITU)*

*Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Contract: Band 7), **Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals Trust***

Start: **March 2007** - End: **April 2009**

- Provided clinical leadership in dysphagia for ITU, medical wards across Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital.
- Assessment and management of complex dysphagia and communication disorders.
- Led videofluoroscopy clinics and supervised junior staff

*Acute medical wards and Stroke rehabilitation- Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Contract: Band 6 ), **Central Middlesex Hospital***

Start: **October 2006** - End: **February 2007**

- Speech-Language service delivered on Medical wards, ITU and Stroke Unit.
- Assessment and management of dysphagia and communication.
- Engaged in weekly multi-disciplinary meetings and Consultant ward-rounds adopting a holistic approach to patient care.

*Acute medical wards and ENT Outpatients- Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Contract: Band 6 ), **Macclesfield Hospital***

Start: **July 2006** - End: **September 2006**

- Speech-Language service delivered on Medical wards and Stroke Unit.
- Assessment and management of dysphagia and communication.

*Acute and Rehabilitation- Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Band 6), **Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield PCT***

Start: **April 2005** - End: **June 2006**

- Worked alongside senior therapists on medical and rehabilitation wards.
- Developed assessment and management skills in Videofluoroscopy, Trachesotomy and complex neurological conditions.
- Involved in developing training courses for nurses and health professionals in dysphagia.

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### *Stroke Intermediate Care and ENT outpatients (Voice)- Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Band 6), St Albans Hospital*

Start: **December 2004** - End: **April 2005**

- Provision of Speech-Language service for Stroke-Intermediate Care- Focusing on communication rehabilitation and AAC methods.
- ENT out-patient clinics for voice disorders. Supervision from ENT Specialist SLT.

### *Neurology and neuro-surgery trainee Specialist (Acute and Rehabilitation) Specialist Speech & Language Therapist (Spine points 25-29), St Lukes Hospital, Bradford*

Start: **November 2003** - End: **November 2004**

- Worked alongside senior therapists in providing Speech-Language services to individuals with a wide range of neurological disorders. (Stroke, Degenerative diseases, Brain Injury, Neuro-surgery, Spinal conditions)

### *NQT Speech & Language Therapist (Spine points 19) Adult Acute and Community, Scunthorpe General Hospital*

Start: **May 2003** - End: **November 2003**

- Worked alongside senior therapists in providing Speech-Language services in acute and rehabilitation settings.
- Assisted in the development of speech therapy services to a specialist brain injury unit.

### *Stroke Co-ordinator for South Asian Community - NHS Research Project, St Lukes Hospital*

Start: **June 2002** - End: **September 2002**

- Assessed the needs of South Asian Stroke patients formulated a report for NHS commissioners.
- Developed a new job role for a "South Asian Rehabilitation worker"
- Developed training and resources for Stroke MDT to increase cultural awareness
- Contributed to health promotion programmes e.g. through local radio shows

## Courses / Events

I maintain my CPD by attending clinical and other relevant courses throughout the year. Recent relevant events include:

- 2014 Dyspraxia Study day
- 2014 Chairmans Leadership and development Course
- 2013 ASLTIP, CPD peer group
- 2011 Laryngeal Manipulation, Northwick Park Hospital
- 2010 ASLTIP, CPD peer group
- 2010 London Critical Care Network, Specialist support for complex dysphagia
- 2007 Groher Dysphagia Course, Royal Free Hospital
- 2006 Flexible and rigid endoscopy course, Royal Derbyshire Hospital
- 2006 Critical Care Training for Speech and Language Therapists, UCH
- 2005 Tracheostomy Training, Northwick Park Hospital
- 2005 ENT: Voice disorders and Therapy, RCSLT
- 2004 Complex brain Injury, Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability
- 2004 Videofluoroscopy Training, University College London
- 2004 Bilingual SIG and Yorkshire Aphasia, SIG
- 2004 Motor Neurone Disease, MND Society
- 2003 Post grad course in Dysphagia, University College London

Medico-legal courses attended include:

- 2017: Somek & Associates Annual Conference, Somek & Associates
- 2012 Report Writing Skills for Speech & Language Therapists, Somek and Associates
- 2012 Courtroom Skills, Somek and Associates / Bond Solon
- 2011 The Role of the Expert Witness and Civil Procedure Rules, Somek and Associates
- 2011 Report Writing for Care / Occupational therapy Experts, Somek and Associates