





The Paediatric Disability Distance Learning Courses Team at Ryegate Children's Centre, Sheffield invites applications for

## Autism, Speech, Language and Communication Needs in Childhood DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE

## **ABOUT THE COURSE**

This course has been developed by paediatric disability experts at Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust.

After completing the course you will be able to:

- Understand the nature of children's communication needs and relate these to the assessment and support of children, young people and their families and their participation in learning, activities and life skills.
- Understand the nature and typical development of all aspects of communication, including non-verbal communication.
- Understand different types of language and communication disorders.
- Understand the concept of the autistic spectrum and what it includes.
- Support the assessment and management of children/young people with speech, language and communication needs.
- Be able to approach the evaluation of their language development.
- Be aware of the different ways of assessing children with language disorders and communication conditions.
- Be able to manage children and young people with communication needs as a member of a team and understand the various roles and responsibilities.
- Be able to provide input as part of a team, into the assessment and management of autistic children and young people.
- Make informed judgements within the area of Neurodisability, knowing when to ask for help and when to refer on.
- Provide effective advice to education, health and other services from the perspective of your specific role.
- Critically evaluate local health and other services and contribute to service development.

The course should take four months to complete.

## **COST**

£350 / £300 for BACD Members

## **AUDIENCE**

This course is for professionals involved with assessment and support for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs, including autism spectrum.

This includes community, general or specialist paediatricians and allied health professionals, particularly speech and language therapists, psychologists and occupational therapists, as well as nursery, school and specialist nurses, teachers, Special Educational Needs Coordinators in schools, educational psychologists and classroom support assistants.