

Seashell

Assessment, Intervention & Training Services



Seashell is a UK-leading specialist in supporting children and young adults (0-25) with complex learning difficulties, disabilities and additional communication needs.

We have harnessed this unique expertise to create a range of specialist assessment, support and training services that we provide to families and organisations across the education, health and care sectors.



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Contact our team to find out more about our bespoke support and training and to discuss your requirements.

Our Team of Experts

You're in safe hands with our team of exceptional professionals, located on-site.

Our team work to create strategies, targets and individual programmes that empower children and young adults with complex needs, their families and carers.

Multi Sensory Impairment Teachers

Our experienced qualified MSI teachers have additional post graduate qualifications in MSI (Deafblindness).

Sensory Team

Our multiskilled Sensory Team offer specialist training and support for children and young people with complex needs and their families, carers and educators.

Audiologists

Our Audiologists assess and rehabilitate children and young people with hearing impairment, auditory processing issues and sound sensitivity.

Speech and Language Therapists

Our SaLT's provide assessment and therapy for children and young people with complex communication or eating and drinking difficulties.

Occupational Therapists

Qualified in Ayres Sensory Integration Therapy, our OT's work to help CYP to participate effectively in all areas of everyday life.

Autism Practitioners

Our Autism Practitioners provide creative and personalised support to enable children and young people on the autistic spectrum to achieve their full potential.

Sleep Practitioners

Our qualified Sleep Practitioners have been trained by the Sleep Charity and focus on the benefits of a behavioural approach to sleep.

Physiotherapists

Our Physiotherapists take a holistic approach to the health and wellbeing of children and young adults with complex needs.

Registered Nurses

Our team of registered nurses and mental health nurses provide a comprehensive and effective service that supports children and young people with complex needs.

Service	Description	Target Audience
Multi Sensory Impairment Services		
Deafblind Guidance Assessment	Assessment of sensory needs by a suitably qualified person in Deafblindness and provision of a report including recommendations.	CYP 0-25 with MSI / Deafblindness
MSI Specialist Training Packages	We offer specialist training in tactile communication, on body signing, USHER awareness, CHARGE awareness, Habilitation (including sight guide) and Independent Living Skills. We can deliver bespoke MSI training for your staff team on request.	Professionals working with CYP 0-25 with MSI / Deafblindness
MSI Intervenor Training	Specialist 5 day course for support staff working with CYP with MSI / Deafblindness.	
MSI Advisory Support	Specialist advisory support for MSI CYP (0-25) in their educational setting.	
Personalised Learning Programmes (PLPs)	Support in the home or educational setting for CYP with MSI to achieve their educational outcomes. Delivered by QTMSI, Habilitation officers and/or MSI support.	Professionals working in Health, Social Care and Education
QTMSI Mentoring	Our MSI teaching team within the Seashell Sensory Support Service can offer you half termly remote mentoring sessions (1 hour) for an annual fee (£250) <i>Please contact us for more information.</i>	Newly qualified MSI teacher, or MSI teacher in training

Positive Looking Training

Positive Looking Awareness (3 hour/half day)	During this half day course, you will be learn about the educational implications for learners with vision impairment, understand visual skill development and how to provide an appropriate learning environment.	Professionals working with CYP with visual impairment looking to improve their VI knowledge and skills
Positive Looking Practitioner Course (6 hour/full day)	In addition to the topics above, the full day course will cover how to select and employ appropriate strategies to support the learner's visual skill development within the curriculum. You will also cover observing, assessing responses and planning for targeted intervention to develop with visual skills guidance/advice from QTVI. Practitioners taking this course will have the option to complete a course book of activities (approx. 10 hours work.) The course is assessed and a Certificate of Recognition is presented on successfully passing the course. (Please note this is not a formal qualification.)	

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Speech and Language Therapy		
Communication Assessment	Assessment of understanding and ability to communicate and provision of full report detailing findings and recommendations.	CYP with complex communication difficulties, including sensory impairment.
Communication Intervention	Support to develop understanding or ability to communicate using a wide range of Alternative Augmentative communication strategies as appropriate.	
Dysphagia	Dysphagia qualified SaLT can provide assessment of eating and drinking and offer Dysphagia guidelines and training for families or staff teams	People supporting CYP with concerns around eating and drinking.
Makaton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels 1-4 • Taster Sessions • Makaton for Babies 	Delivered by a Makaton Tutor, the training workshops cover signs and symbols from the Core Vocabulary and practical application of the Makaton Language Programme.	Parents/carers, families and professionals.
ELKLAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Support for 0-25s with complex needs • Speech and Language Support for Pupils with SLD • Speech and Language Support for 0-3, 3-5 and 5-11 • Let's Talk with Special Children 	Elklan courses are designed to help you to support the communication skills of all children and young people – as well as those with identified speech, language and communication needs. Courses are evidence-based, accredited and support you to learn and embed new communication strategies.	Education Staff including childminders. 'Let's Talk with Special Children' is for parents and paid carers.
SALT Training Packages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Partner Training • Supporting Early Communication Development 	Communication Partner Training teaches you how to adapt your interaction style to support a child or young person with complex communication needs to develop their communication skills, particularly if they are using Alternative and Augmentative Communication. Supporting Early Communication Development is a whistle stop tour of strategies you can use with a pre-verbal child to support them to communicate first messages.	Anyone working or living with children and/or young people with complex communication needs particularly if they are pre-verbal.

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Occupational Therapy		
Occupational Therapy Assessment	Assessment of independence skills followed by suggestions for environmental adaptations and strategies to promote independence.	CYP (up to age 25) with learning disabilities.
Assessment of Sensory Processing Difficulties	We specialise in assessment for CYP who are unable to follow standardised instructions. Assessment will include a face-to-face assessment, discussion with relevant caregivers. Following analysis of the information, you will receive a written report and brief verbal explanation of the findings.	CYP with possible sensory processing differences
Sensory Integration Therapy	Ayres sensory integration therapy working towards specific goals following an assessment of sensory processing difficulties.	
Bespoke Sensory Processing Differences Training	Training for your organisation specifically tailored towards the needs of your group.	Organisations supporting children and young people with sensory processing differences

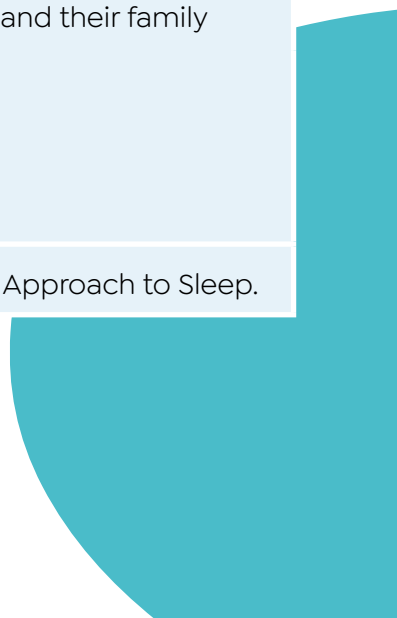
Audiology		
Functional Hearing Assessment	Full & comprehensive hearing assessment	CYP 0-25
Rehabilitation	Specialist support following diagnosis of hearing loss or other auditory difficulties.	CYP 0-25 and their families/carers

Physiotherapy		
Physiotherapy Assessment	In depth assessments with the aim to understand the physical needs of the CYP and the potential for improvement of mobility.	CYP 0-25 with additional mobility needs
Physio Intervention	6 week blocks of intervention with the aim for CYP to improve independence and functional movement through the use of tailored activities. (Hydrotherapy or rebound therapy may be used)	CYP 0-25 with additional mobility needs



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Autism Support		
Supporting Students with Autism and Severe Learning Disabilities Open College Network Level 3 Training	This course will develop your understanding of autism and covers a range of topics, from interventions to supporting health and wellbeing. Accredited by Open College Network West Midlands.	Anybody supporting or teaching autistic people aged 2-25, whether in education or care settings.
Autism Specific Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Autism• Positive Behavioural Support	We offer a wide range of training relating to autistic people; from an introductory sessions. All sessions are created/adapted bespoke for individual requirements.	Everybody. Education/care provisions, corporate businesses, charities etc.
Autism Advisory Support	A consolatory service to support you to meet the needs of children and young adults with autism and/or learning disabilities.	Education and/or care provisions.

Sleep Support		
Sleep Success	This half-day course is designed to help families understand sleep and consider some helpful tricks and tips that might improve sleep for everyone.	CYP 2-25 with additional needs and their family
Sleep Better	This 5-week course offers the content of the Sleep Success course with the added benefit of peer support and guidance to introduce new strategies for improved sleep.	
1:1 Clinics	Clinics are available once you have attended a Sleep Success or Sleep Better course. They offer intensive support over 5 sessions to help you identify and make changes to behaviour that are impacting sleep.	
Our Sleep Practitioners deliver support in line with the Sleep Charity’s Behavioural Approach to Sleep.		





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Early Years		
Sensory Support Groups	<p>Informal play based session for under 5s to attend with their parent. Themed sessions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makaton signing for babies• Music and communication• Infant Massage• Sensory stories	Under 5s with additional needs and their family

FASD Awareness and Training Uniquely co-designed and delivered by Seashell and The National Organisation for FASD.		
Introduction to FASD	<p>This one day introduction to FASD includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cause of FASD; its prevalence and terminology• Identification of signs and symptoms across the lifespan that a person with FASD may display• How to get a diagnosis• Strategies for supporting a person with FASD, including voices from the FASD community	Professionals working in Health, Social Care and Education.
Me and My FASD	<p>This three day innovative course will introduce the “Me and My FASD Toolkit” – a range of practical, hands-on materials specially designed with input from expert committees including young adults with FASD.</p> <p>Participants will receive the toolkit of resources that are aimed to support children and young adults understand their diagnosis.</p>	

Sessions can be commissioned for schools and organisations who would like to develop their awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, as well as help children and young adults understand their diagnosis. **Please get in touch to discuss your organisations needs.**





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This course was incredible. For someone who hasn't worked with MSI before, I am coming away with a wealth of knowledge. Thank you to all who taught us.



Learn with Seashell

We are proud to be home to some of the UK's most specialist professionals and have learning opportunities for families, individuals, professionals and organisations across the education, health and care sectors.

Our values revolve around our commitment to provide the best care and support, helping individuals gain the confidence and life skills they need to progress in the same way any child should.

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