



Early Voices

Transforming lives through communication

Information for Health Visitor Managers

A Health Visitor within your team has expressed an interest in taking part in The Communication Trust's 'Early Voices' programme. This programme offers your team a unique fully funded opportunity to develop expertise in speech, language and communication both through the individual Health Visitor's role as a 'Communication Leader' and also more widely within the early years network through additional cascade training.

It will involve a commitment from the Health Visitor 'Communication Leader' to attend and deliver training events and we therefore require the Health Visitor's manager to fully support the Health Visitor in this application and sign the consent form attached.

Please read the information below carefully and sign the consent form attached if you are able to support your Health Visitor's application to take part in this exciting programme.

Who are The Communication Trust?

The Communication Trust (TCT) represent a coalition of over 50 charities and not-for-profit organisations with an interest in speech, language and communication. Working together, TCT support everyone who works with children and young people in England to support the development of speech, language and communication skills. For more information visit the website www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk.

What is Early Voices?

Early Voices is a national professional development and training programme for Health Visitors to increase their knowledge in early speech, language and communication development in order to achieve higher impact with the families that they work with.

The Early Voices programme seeks to recruit Health Visitors to take on the role of 'Communication Leader' in their locality.

What does the Communication Leader role entail?

The Communication Leader role provides a unique opportunity to gain free professional development and training to increase knowledge in speech, language and communication, as well as an opportunity to become a local leader and cascade knowledge to fellow early years practitioners.

Communication Leaders will receive:

- Free one day training from an experienced speech and language therapist
- A recognised and accredited qualification via a fully funded place on a Level 3 Award via Platform 3



Communication Leaders will then:

- Cascade learned knowledge to their early years network via two TCT designed sessions. The early years network could be made up of Health Visitors or other early years practitioners that you work with.
- Share TCT designed parent resources on supporting speech, language and communication with the parents that they work with.
- Support the overall programme evaluation.

How much time will this take?

The Communication Leader will need to attend one day of face to face training in either London or Leeds and then access online training modules for the Level 3 award over the next few months. The online award can be studied for flexibly as best suits the individual Health Visitor. They will also need to deliver two 2 hour training sessions to their own network. Please see the timeline below.

2018		2019									
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
TCT Training* and begin Level 3 award		Deliver 1 st cascade session			TCT will provide regular top tips on supporting communication to share with peers and parents.					Deliver 2 nd cascade session and complete Level 3 award	

*** TCT Training will run on 23rd November in Leeds and 12th December in London.**

What does it cost?

There is no cost for taking part in the programme. All aspects, including the Level 3 award are fully funded.

To compensate for the required face to face training, a one-off payment of £100 will be made to the service releasing the Health Visitor via the Health Visitor’s manager. Travel costs for this training day will also be reimbursed.

Any questions?

If you have any questions at all about this project and what it will involve, please feel free to contact: enquiries@thecommunicationtrust.org.uk



CONSENT FORM

NAME OF MANAGER:

NAME OF HEALTH VISITOR:

I have read and understand the information attached regarding the 'Early Voices' Health Visitor programme.

I fully support and agree to the above named Health Visitor in applying for the role of 'Communication Leader' understanding that they will need to attend a one day training event from The Communication Trust and subsequently deliver two 2 hour cascade training sessions locally. I fully understand and support the commitment they will require for this role from the period November 2018 – October 2019.

I also understand the benefits to our service and the Health Visitor involved, including a fully funded Level 3 award as part of this programme which will be delivered flexibly online. I am also able to apply for £100 compensation to the department for the Health Visitor's time when attending the face to face training day and reimbursement of reasonable travel costs to the training venue (petrol costs or standard class public transport fare).

SIGNED:

PRINT NAME:

DATE: