



Meet our new Autism Skills Development Team

Clare Pollard – Space4Autism, Autism Training Skills Development Team



I am a Speech and Language Therapist and I originally started work in local clinics then moved into Child Development in 1977. I also worked at Puss Bank School but mainly in the Child Development Centre in Macclesfield carrying out the autism assessments and diagnosis for children from 2003-2017. From 2017 I have been delivering the Cygnet Course to parents and helping with assessments when required.

Nickie Sutton – Space4Autism, Autism Training Skills Development Team



I've been a nurse for 34 years with a wide range of experience lately in public health, schools and CAMHS. I trained as a sleep practitioner in 2017 when I noticed that many families were struggling with this issue. I've since developed a special interest and expertise in how autism affects sleep and am passionate about helping families to solve their sleep problems.

Kath Hynd - Space4Autism, Autism Training Skills Development Team



I am a SRN (State Registered Nurse) from and from 1978 Worked on Medical wards as Staff Nurse and Sister in Macclesfield
I was a Health Visitor from 1982 to 1984 Miles Platting in Manchester and then a Health Visitor 1984 to 1986 in New Mills, Whaley Bridge, Furness Vale, Hayfield, also Further Education Tutor for Nursery Nurses 1987 at Stockport College. I returned back to Macclesfield from 1988-1994 as a Health Visitor and School Nurse 1994 to 2000 Poynton, Disley, Adlington and Pott Shrigley
At present I am a Specialist Nurse with the ADHD team at CWP NHS Foundation Trust.

Ann Costello – Space4Autism, Autism Training Skills Development Team



I am a retired SRN (State Registered Nurse) with a diploma in Play Specialism, I have worked alongside the Paediatric team in Macclesfield for many years focussing on developmental assessments. I have run the “Fun with Food” programme and Play therapy sessions during my time at Macclesfield

Lin Richards – self-employed, Autism Training Skills Development Team



My name is Lin Richards and I am an accredited Cognitive Behavioural Therapist. I am primarily employed as a CBT Therapist at a NHS CAMHS service. I have worked as a CAMHS therapist for the past 24 years. I also work as an online CBT Therapist with adults. Additionally, I am a qualified DBT Therapist and CBT Supervisor. I am an accredited member of BABCP, a certified member of BACP and a member of HCPC.

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