

[Tracey Fillan](#)



## **Assistive Technologist**

### Personal Profile

I believe everyone has a right to a voice and a choice and throughout my career this is what I have strived to achieve for everyone I have had the pleasure of working with.

I have worked successfully in multi-disciplinary teams within both the NHS and Local Education Authorities. Leading an Outreach Alternative and Augmentative Communication services within Kirklees has given me the opportunities to support children and their families on their AAC journey.

I have a wealth of knowledge in assistive technology and provide solutions to increase, maintain or improve functional capabilities of both children and adults. I have experience working with specialist software and equipment and can provide assessment, advice, guidance and information to students, families and staff.

Including

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Seating and mobility
- Computer Access, including software and switches/alternative access
- Electronic aids to daily living
- Sensory issues
- Recreation
- Environmental modification
- Accessible transportation
- Technology

I am a Regional Makaton Tutor and I deliver a wide range of Makaton courses including training for staff, families, Makaton Signing for Babies and Sign and Sing sessions.

### Professional Qualifications

2017 Regional Makaton Tutor

2009 Local Makaton Tutor

1999-2001 Diagnostic and Therapeutic Support Qualification at Huddersfield and Calderdale NHS

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1983-1985 NNEB in Nursery Nursing

## Training

- Reginal Makaton Training
- PECS
- Elkan
- Derbyshire Language Training
- Hanen
- Intensive interaction
- AAC and AT Units at Ace Centre North
- Ace Network Days
- Smartbox – Grid 3, Super Core, Look2Learn
- Tobi Dynavox – software and hardware, e.g. Snap + Core
- Crick software, e.g. Clicker 7
- Assistive Technology information days
- Communication Matters National Conference
- Cask road shows
- Attendance at AAC Sigs – Barnsley Assistive Technology
- Team Teach
- Safe Guarding
- Prevent
- A Very Special Conference
- Developing Age Appropriate Cause & Effect Activities
- Basic Life Support
- Moving and Handling

## Work Experience

### AT Therapy – May 2019 – Present

I am currently working at ATtherapy as an Assistive Technologist associate supporting individuals with communication difficulties. I am working with ATtherapy alongside my current role.

### Self Employed – September 2018 – Present

Providing assessments and support for both adults and children with communication difficulties. As a Regional Makaton Tutor I deliver all the Makaton courses.

### Fairfield Special School – September 2006 – August 2018

Communication and Interaction Manager at Fairfield School providing assessment and support for

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pupils age 3 to 19 with complex learning difficulties, alongside the speech and language therapy team. I also provided an AAC outreach service to schools within the Kirklees area with a multi-disciplinary team including Teacher of the Deaf, Visually Impaired Service, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists.

#### [SALT Technical Instructor – September 1996 – August 2006](#)

Speech and Language Therapy Technical Instructor at Huddersfield and Calderdale NHS providing assessments and support for children with communication difficulties. I also led the local Communication Project (CAP) team and set up the TASK Toy Library (Toys Adapted for Switched on Kids) adapting a range of toys for use with switches.

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