

Jennie Morgan

Expert Witness

SaLT

Tyne and Wear



Professional Background

Jennie Morgan is an accomplished Speech and Language Therapist with over two decades of clinical experience, specialising in dysphagia and communication disorders associated with acquired and progressive neurological conditions. Her expertise spans stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal injury, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, and various forms of dementia. Jennie has led complex community rehabilitation caseloads and currently holds a dysphagia lead post across special schools, colleges, and adult care services, managing the assessment and treatment of eating, drinking, and swallowing difficulties in individuals from age 4 through to older adulthood.

Jennie is well placed to provide expert opinion for clients aged 16 years and above, where her current role encompasses students in special school sixth forms (ages 16–19) and further education colleges (16–25), in addition to adult day services and residential care settings. Her clinical responsibilities involve working with individuals with severe and profound learning disabilities, neurodivergent presentations, and complex physical health needs. Jennie's extensive background in direct communication work, particularly in early practice and during her tenure in community stroke rehabilitation, ensures she brings a comprehensive, integrated understanding of the relationship between communication and swallowing, particularly in clients with complex neurological profiles.

Her clinical authority is further demonstrated by her leadership of multidisciplinary teams across both paediatric and adult settings. She provides clinical supervision, service development, and inter-professional guidance to colleagues, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, teachers, support assistants, and catering staff. Previously, she led a specialist motor neurone disease MDT involving professionals from across the NHS, social care, and voluntary sector. Jennie's ability to coordinate and advise across disciplines is a central feature of her practice, ensuring safe, effective, and person-centred care in complex settings.

Jennie is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules and regularly engages in professional development, including advanced dysphagia courses, neurological rehabilitation updates, and voice treatment techniques such as Lee Silverman Voice Therapy. She is also a Schwartz Round facilitator, reflecting her commitment to emotionally informed care. With a detailed understanding of neurological dysphagia, MDT processes, and integrated care pathways, Jennie is a highly suitable expert for medico-legal cases involving adolescents and adults aged 16+, particularly where eating, drinking, and swallowing are central to the clinical presentation.

Specialisms

- Brain Injury, Brain tumour, Stroke
- Parkinson's & Alzheimer's disease
- MS, MND
- Genetic disorders
- Bells palsy
- Functional neurological disorder
- Progressive Neurological Conditions
- Tremors/Ataxia
- Genetic disorders
- Palliative care
- Swallowing & Feeding disorders
- Videofluoroscopy
- Dysphagia (swallowing difficulties)
- Communication / speech disorders

Age group

- Adults
- Young Persons, 16+



Career history

- Dysphagia Lead June 2025 - present
Percy Hedley Foundation
- Highly specialist speech and language therapist September 2007 – May 2025
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Specialist/highly SaLT April 2005 – August 2007
Durham and Chester-le-street Primary Care trust
- Speech and language therapist September 2000 – April 2005
Gateshead health NHS foundation trust

Qualifications

- BSC (HONS) SPEECH, University Of Newcastle Upon Tyne – 2:1, 2000
- Post Basic Dysphagia, Manchester Metropolitan University , 2003
- Advanced Dysphagia Course, Manchester Metropolitan University, 2005
- PGCert LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE, University of Sunderland – Pass, 2012

Professional Memberships

- HCPC
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists