

# Nina Morton

## Expert Witness

SaLT

London



### Professional Background

Nina Morton is a highly specialist Speech and Language Therapist with fourteen years of clinical experience working across acute hospital services, specialist units and adult community settings. She has extensive expertise in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of adults with acquired communication and swallowing disorders, including those arising from stroke, traumatic brain injury, dementia, progressive neurological disease, Parkinson's disease, stammering. Her practice encompasses both communication and dysphagia management.

Nina has managed complex cases involving individuals with co-existing mental health needs, such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia, in addition to those whose primary diagnoses include stroke and dementia. She has also worked with adults presenting with cognitive-communication disorders and those requiring Alternative and Augmentative Communication approaches. Her background includes substantial experience across critical care, respiratory and surgical wards, hyper-acute and acute stroke units, progressive neurology pathways and early supported discharge teams, enabling her to provide detailed functional analysis and robust clinical reasoning in highly complex presentations.

For the past nine years Nina has worked within community adult SLT services, delivering ongoing assessment and intervention for individuals with long-term and progressive conditions. She has played a central role in service development initiatives and outcome measurement, and has provided specialist input into complex feeding decisions, palliative care discussions and multi-agency care planning. Her work requires frequent liaison with multidisciplinary professionals, including neurologists, psychologists, ENT and gastroenterology teams, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dietitians and specialist nurses, ensuring cohesive and clinically sound rehabilitation planning. Nina also brings significant leadership experience, having served as the clinical lead for a community adult neurology SLT service for three years, overseeing the work of up to twelve clinicians and a therapy assistant. In this role she shaped clinical pathways, monitored performance, ensured adherence to national guidance, and contributed to workforce development, service strategy and clinical governance including audit, policy and quality improvement.

Nina maintains her expertise through mandatory training, professional networks and national CPD, evidenced by winning the Clinical Leadership Multi-Professional Programme in 2024 and ongoing engagement with research and best practice in dysphagia, neurology and adult communication disorders. Nina is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise.

### Specialisms

- Neurological conditions & injuries
  - Brain Injury
  - Stroke
  - Parkinson's Disease
  - Alzheimer's Disease
  - Stammering
  - Dementia & Cognitive disability
- Progressive Neurological Conditions
- Mental health
- Frailty
- Palliative Care
- Aphasia
- Dysphagia

### Age group

- Adults



## Career history

- Band 8a Clinical and Operational Lead, SaLT 2023 - Present  
London Community NHS Health Trust
  - In this role she provided senior clinical leadership and operational management for a highly specialist SLT service, ensuring delivery met national guidance, commissioning requirements and organisational targets. She provided oversight of clinical quality and governance, budget management, workforce planning, recruitment, SOP development and incident management. She provided strategic support by deputising for the Head of Clinical Services at performance boards and leading engagement across interdisciplinary, finance, quality and innovation meetings. She provided direction for service improvement through audits, outcome monitoring and targeted development initiatives, while maintaining CQC compliance and robust safety systems. She provided effective stakeholder management, often communicating complex or sensitive information, and ensured the service remained responsive to capacity and demand through structured planning and clear strategic alignment.
- SaLT, Independent Practice 2017 - Present
- Band 7 Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist 2017 - 2023  
Central London Community Health Centre
  - Worked as a specialist SLT within planned care, voice, ESD and Parkinson's services, undertaking highly specialist assessment and management of adults with complex communication, cognitive and swallowing disorders, including diagnosis, intervention planning and coordinated discharge. She led the team's approach to referral triage and prioritisation, liaising regularly with the central access point, neighbouring services, commissioners and other key stakeholders. She implemented outcome measures such as TOMs, supervised and supported junior colleagues, and ensured integrated, multi-agency care through close collaboration with external services including ENT, Gastroenterology and Social Services, while maintaining continuous professional development in communication, voice and swallowing disorders.
- Band 7 Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist 2017  
Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust
  - A specialist SLT role in adult critical care, respiratory and surgical services, providing advanced assessment, differential diagnosis and management of communication and swallowing disorders arising from neurological impairment, head and neck cancer and surgical intervention. Embedded within multidisciplinary teams including ENT, Head and Neck and ITU, with responsibility for prioritising a demanding caseload, contributing to joint assessments, and progressing competencies in videofluoroscopy and tracheostomy management. Active participation in MDT meetings, board rounds, complex feeding discussions, family meetings and discharge planning.



## Career history

- Band 6 Specialist Speech and Language Therapist 2016 - 2017  
Barts Health NHS Trust, WhippsCross Hospital
  - A senior SLT role on the Acute Stroke Unit, responsible for supervising junior staff and leading complex feeding meetings addressing enteral feeding, risk feeding and palliative care. Involved in senior MDT discussions alongside physiotherapy, occupational therapy and clinical leads. Provides specialist assessment and intervention for stroke patients with complex swallowing and communication needs, participates in videofluoroscopy clinics while progressing instrumental assessment competencies, and delivers structured outcome measurement and goal setting to support effective rehabilitation.
- Band 6 Specialist Speech and Language Therapist 2015 - 2016  
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust
- Band 5 Speech and Language Therapist 2013 - 2015  
North East London Foundation Trust

## Qualifications

- BSc Speech and Language Therapy,  
City University, London, 2011

## Professional Memberships

- HCPC
- RCSLT
- ASLTIP, Member of ASLTIP Adult  
Virtual Local Group

