



MARTINA CURTIN is a researcher and a highly specialist Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) working for the National Health Service in England. She is currently the Clinical Lead SLT for Deaf Children and Young People at Homerton Healthcare, London. Martina has over 12 years of experience in working with deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children and their families, using both English and/or British Sign Language to promote language development. She has worked in families' homes, community centres, mainstream schools, schools for DHH children, and more recently, in virtual appointments online.

In 2018, Martina gained a MSc in Clinical Research. In 2020, Martina was awarded a Clinical Doctorate Research Fellowship by the National Institute for Health Research (UK) to develop a tool to assess parent-child interaction where the child is deaf and aged 0 to 3 years. The project, based at City University of London, includes 10 hearing parents of deaf children and 8 hearing and deaf professionals, working with Martina as research collaborators. One of the main tasks of the involvement group is to co-produce the tool and training materials, ensuring the tool is accepted and seen as useful by parents and professionals alike. You can follow her work on Twitter: @Martina_SLT