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Qualifications:

2014 PhD Development of a functional eating and drinking ability classification system for individual with cerebral palsy, University of Brighton

2012 Certificate in Research Methods, Distinction, University of Brighton

2005 Advanced Dysphagia Course, Manchester Metropolitan University

1994 MA Psychoanalytic Observational Studies, Distinction, Tavistock Clinic / University of East London

1986 BA Linguistics and Language Pathology, Reading University

Membership of Professional and Relevant Bodies

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

Health Professions Council

South East Region Paediatric Dysphagia Clinical Excellence Network

BACD Strategic Research Advisory Group

Clinical experience:

Diane has over 15 years clinical experience working with children and young people with motor disorders, affecting eating and drinking, speech and saliva control. She is the Speech and Language Therapy Clinical Lead for eating and drinking difficulties, and co-ordinates the Dental Palatal Training therapy clinic and Combined ENT and Oral Skills clinic at Chailey Heritage Clinical Services. Her main responsibilities include the assessment, treatment and management of children with complex difficulties, affecting eating and drinking, saliva control and speech.

Research Experience

Diane led a three year research project at Chailey Heritage Clinical Services (2010-2013): Development of a Functional Classification System of Eating and Drinking for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy to Improve Quality of Care.

In 2005 / 06 Diane was a local collaborator in research project run by Dr Lindsay Pennington, Principal Research Associate, University of Newcastle into the efficacy of group communication training for parents.

Diane completed the Postgraduate Advanced Dysphagia training in 2005 at Manchester Metropolitan University; her submitted project was "An

Exploration of Sensory Integration Theory and Practice in the Context of Paediatric Dysphagia Management.

Research Awards

2009 Proposal to develop a functional classification system of eating and drinking ability Chailey Research Fund £15,000.

1.4.10 to 31.3.13 PB-PG-1208-18144 To Develop a Functional Classification System of Eating and Drinking Abilities for Children and Young People with Cerebral Palsy. Co-applicants: Dr Terry Pountney, Dr Anne Mandy, Dr Lindsay Pennington, Dr Christopher Morris, Mr Michael Carter, Dr Matthew Hankins. NIHR Research for Patient Benefit £163,116.

Publications:

Killian L, Bryant L and **Sellers D.** (2014) The clinical use of functional classification systems for children and young people with cerebral palsy. *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology* (Vol 56), Supplement s4, p32.

Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System available to download from www.EDACS.org

Sellers D, Mandy A, Pennington L, Hankins M and Morris C (2014) Development and reliability of a system to classify the eating and drinking ability of people with cerebral palsy. *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*, 56: 245–251. doi: 10.1111/dmcn.12352

Sellers D, Pennington L, Mandy A and Morris C (2014) A systematic review of ordinal scales used to classify the eating and drinking abilities of individuals with cerebral palsy. *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*, 56: 313–322. doi: 10.1111/dmcn.12313

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Ford S, Pountney T and Morris C (2013) Development of an Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System (EDACS) for people with cerebral palsy. Poster Session 1. *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*, 55: 26–59. doi: 10.1111/dmcn.12259

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Pountney T, Morris C (2012). Development of a functional eating and drinking ability classification system for individuals with cerebral palsy. *Dev Med Child Neurol*, Vol 54, Supplement 3, p8.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-8749.2012.04297.x/pdf>

Sellers D (2005). An Exploration of Sensory Integration Theory and Practice in the Context of Paedatric Dysphagia Management" in Sensor Net October 24 p8-16.

Conference Presentations:

Sellers D (2014) Development of an Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System (EDACS) for people with cerebral palsy. Oral presentation at UK Swallowing Research Group 6th – 7th February 2014, Institute of Child Health, London UK.

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Ford S, Pountney T and Morris C (2013) Development of an Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System (EDACS) for people with cerebral palsy
Poster presentation at European Academy of Childhood Disability, 10th – 12th October Newcastle-Gateshead, UK

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Pountney T, Morris C (2012b). Development of a functional eating and drinking ability classification system for individuals with cerebral palsy. Oral presentation at European Academy of Childhood Disability, 16th- 19th May 2012 Istanbul Turkey.

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Pountney T, Morris C (2012). Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System for individuals with cerebral palsy – EDACS. Poster presentation at International Cerebral Palsy Conference, 10th – 13th October 2012, Pisa Italy.

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Pountney T, Morris C (2012). Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System for individuals with cerebral palsy - EDACS. Poster presentation at UK Swallowing Research Group, 16th – 17th February 2012, Institute of Child Health, London.

Sellers D, Mandy A, Hankins M, Pennington L, Carter M, Pountney T, Morris C (2011). Development of a functional eating and drinking ability classification system for individuals with cerebral palsy. Poster presentation at European Academy of Childhood Disability 8th-11th June 2011, Rome Italy.