

Dysphagia E-Learning



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The Dysphagia E-Learning Tool is intended to offer a theoretical training package for swallowing difficulties. This will enable staff to safely and competently screen Stroke patients.

The E-learning tool has been created by the Strategic Clinical Network with the assistance of Jane Wallis, MSc, BSc MRCSLT and Bridget Whitehead, BSc MRCSLT and was recently reviewed in collaboration with Speech & Language Therapists (SLTs) across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

This training course has been accredited by UK Stroke Forum (Education and Training), and adheres to the standards set out in the Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF).

It is currently with the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) for endorsement as they wish to add this tool to their website. Their E-learning Training and Development department agree that it is an excellent tool and should be available nationally.



The Training Tool:

The website consists of training videos, downloadable PDFs and an interactive test along with a 2 stage package – Theoretical E-learning and local Practical supervised swallow assessments.

The concept is that the on-line theory training is completed first and practical assessments commence within a month of the completed theory training. Certification of completed training, is verified by on-line certificate, practical assessments commence within 4 weeks of certificate date. Practical swallow assessment competency available as one of the downloads.

Senior nursing members: Stroke Specialist Nurses, Ward managers & experienced staff can be trained up to do the practical assessments with the SLT completing the final one.

Each trust will have site administrators for setting up members of their team and the ability to reset passwords. The *Contact Us* section on the website will hold details of each Trust's site administrators so that candidates know who to contact for any help.

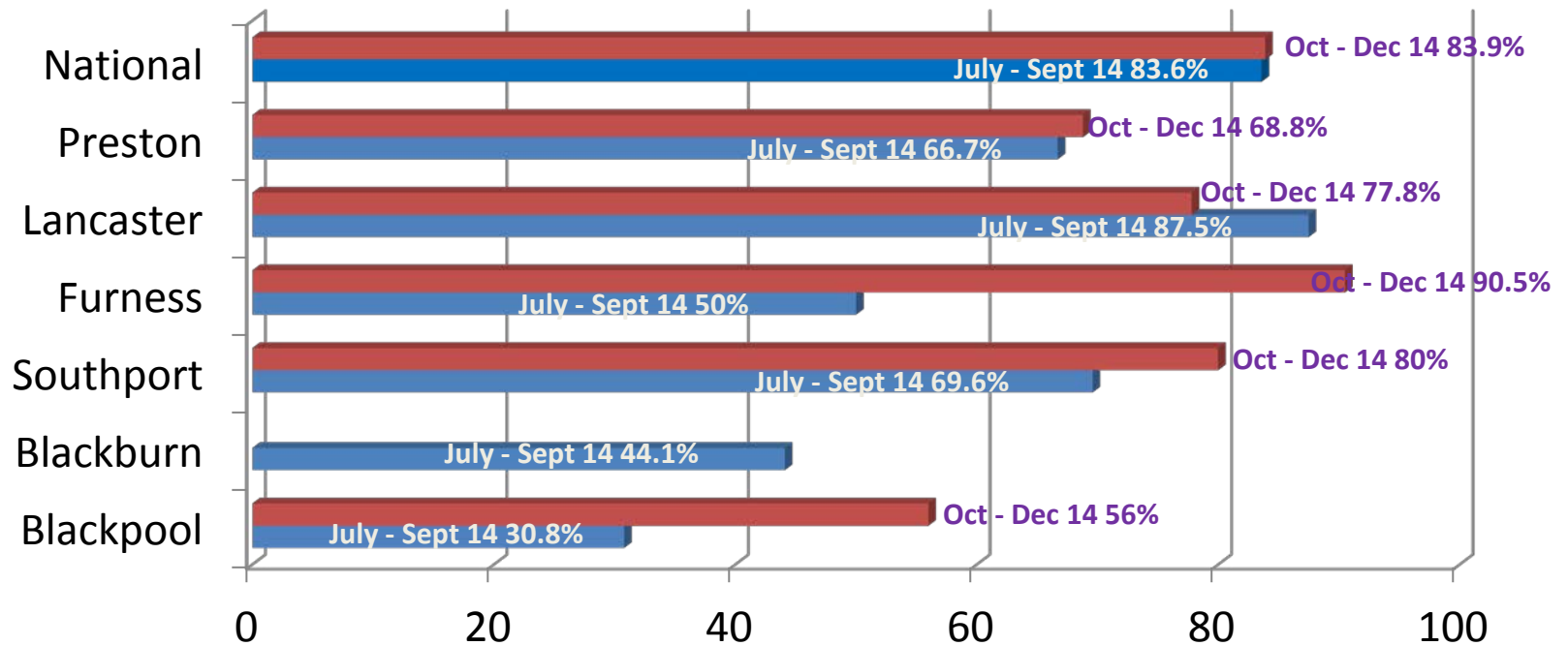


Benefits of this online training tool:

- Patients are managed according to best practice in a timely manner by skilled staff.
- Reduces SLT's training time so that they can concentrate on practical assessment
- Reduces amount of time nurses spend off of the ward, less DNA's, less competing priorities
- Nurses find it easy to use and like being able to complete it in their own timeframe
- Senior SLT's can utilise the tool for new SLT starters or as a refresher for trainees
- Aids in monitoring the progress of trainees
- Effective standardised training and documentation across the Network
- Helps organisations achieve Quality Performance Markers in practice
- Tool aids in service development and sustainability.



SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS – Formal Swallow Assessment with 72hrs



Please find below link to the tool, a user guide is available , this will be sent to SCN leads for dissemination and will be available on the GMLSC website.

Tool is available on the link below:

<http://www.dysphagiascreening.csnlc.nhs.uk/users/login>

