

**Marie Halpin** qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist from The University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) in 2012. She previously worked in Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust. In Birmingham she began to develop her interest and specialist skills in fluency, working with a range of clients, from pre-school to secondary age, as part of a core clinic service. She then joined Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust in London and became a specialist in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Her role included working within the integrated neurodevelopmental diagnostic team and also mainstream and specialist provisions at primary and secondary level. She maintained her interest in disorders of fluency, particularly with co-occurring social communication disorders. She joined the Michael Palin Centre in 2017.