



## What's new at Triangle?

### New services

As well as our intermediary work with child victims and witnesses, we are now providing [intermediaries](#) for children giving evidence in the family courts and for young defendants.



### New free lunchtime open access seminars

We will be running a series of lunchtime seminars at Triangle; the first of these will be led by [Ruth Marchant](#) and will provide an update on new developments with **young children's evidence in legal proceedings**, looking at current and future practice including investigative interviewing, intermediaries, remote livelink and pre-recorded cross examination. This will run from 12.45pm to 2pm on Monday October 3rd. If you would like a place please email [info@triangle.org.uk](mailto:info@triangle.org.uk).

### New resources to support communication

Over the years Triangle has developed a range of approaches and resources that have been tried and tested in different settings, including in 'ABE' interviews, in consultations with children and in the courts. These resources are designed to engage and focus children and young people and to scaffold and enable communication.

After many requests from people who have seen the resources in action or attended Triangle training, we are making some available for purchase.

The following resources are available for purchase without restriction:

### Calm Bags

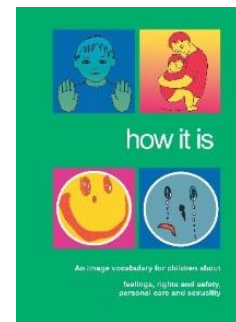


Sets of small, quiet 'fiddly' objects and toys that help keep children or teenagers settled and focussed. Ideal for interview suites, clinics, courts and livelink rooms. Small, portable and in strong jute bags means they can also be taken on visits. Each bag contains seven different items plus a brief guide for use. Costs £30 each plus VAT. P&P is £4.95 (for up to 2 bags).



## 'How It Is' Booklet & CD-Rom

This has 380 images about feelings, rights, safety, personal care and vocabulary. The images were designed primarily for children already using Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems (AAC) but they can also support communication with non-disabled children. Generally, children learn most of this vocabulary by the age of about seven (from their peers as well as from adults), though much of it is learnt earlier. Much of this vocabulary was previously unavailable to children using AAC e.g. personal care images (nappy, potty, wee); private body parts; feelings; abusive acts.



Price; £8.00  
Click [here](#) for more info.

## Child's Tub Chair

After much searching we have found a stable, robust, safe, wipe-clean comfortable chair suitable for young children. Unlike others we have tried it doesn't squeak or rock and is very difficult to tip over. It also looks good and is containing in a way that works for many small children.



This little chair has travelled with us to interview suites and courts all over the country and many people have asked where to buy one. We have now been able to negotiate a discount with the manufacturer, so you can save £10 on the usual price of **£119.95**. Through Triangle you pay **£109.95** (£83.50 plus VAT £16.70 and delivery £9.75).

Available in black or cream. Click [here](#) to order.

NB: The Triangle team have worked with children in 100s of interview suites, courts and clinics across the UK. You can access this accumulated knowledge to help you update or redesign your local provision.



## Restricted Access Resources

The following resources are under development and will only be available in conjunction with Triangle training sessions. This is because these resources can be subject to legal challenge and therefore Triangle is committed to ensuring that they are safely and properly used. If you are interested to know more please click this link and we will update you as they become available.

NB: Triangle wrote the 2011 Guidance on using Drawings, Pictures, Photographs, Symbols, Dolls, Figures and Props with Children in Achieving Best Evidence, as well as updating the guidance on interviewing very young and disabled children.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/docs/achieving-best-evidence-criminal-proceedings.pdf>

Training is available at Triangle but can also be provided locally for social workers, clinicians, researchers, experienced ABE interviewers, barristers and intermediaries: introductory and advanced level courses on communicating with deaf and disabled children; safeguarding disabled children; interviewing young children; interviewing children with communication impairments, including the use of props and resources.

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Communication rules a set of helpful rules for careful communication with children, with clear guidance for use, including selecting the right rules for each child. There are a range of rules, presented at different linguistic levels and in different formats (words, symbols, drawings).

Undressable figures and reversible figures of children and adults, with magnetic outer clothes and underwear that can be removed to show private body parts. Can be used to explore a child's vocabulary and to clarify and extend children's accounts of their experiences. They come with clear guidance for use.

Truth and lies resources a set of small books and objects to help explore children's understanding of truth and lies, which is a requirement for interviews undertaken within Achieving Best Evidence guidance. There are three books, and two sets of small objects, designed for children and young people aged 2-18 at different levels of understanding. They come with clear guidance for use.

## John and the Ball



## Feelings Resources:

A range of child friendly visual resources to support communication with children about their feelings: laminated sets of feeling face drawings; feeling scales and recording sheets which children can illustrate themselves; pre-illustrated feeling scales and recording sheets with guidelines for use.

## Art materials:

Pre-cut gender neutral human figures in different sizes; pre-cut shapes of common buildings (house, flat, school, hospital) and furniture (chair, sofa, bed, bath); reusable templates for all of these; non-toxic pens, pencils and crayons in robust packaging with clear guidance for use.

## Visual timetabling kit:

Sets of simple symbols and words to help children make sense of what is happening in interviews and meetings: now, next, talking, listening, waiting, break, stop for a bit, stop-stop, toilet, drink, finish, home. Also traffic lights symbols for go, wait, stop.

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## New Films

Triangle's senior consultative group has been involved in producing a new DVD about sexuality and disability. The premiere of the film was held at Triangle on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The DVD is now available from Triangle for £45 (inc. p&p and VAT).



The Whole Picture  
Exploring disability and sexuality

Triangle has worked with the NSPCC to produce a new training DVD and CD Rom about safeguarding deaf and disabled children. The DVD contains an information film, eight short scenarios, two longer dramatised scenarios and interviews with professionals. The pack is available from Triangle for £125 (inc. p&p and VAT).



## Bespoke Training

We have recently provided training in Devon, Wales, Surrey, Sussex, Isle of Man and London, and will shortly be delivering courses in Northern Ireland, Jersey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Wales, London and Brighton. We are delivering a course about communication at Triangle in October for a group of social workers from Sweden.

## Open Access Training

We have places available on the following open access courses at Triangle. To book onto a course or receive further information, please contact us on 01273 305888 or e-mail [info@triangle.org.uk](mailto:info@triangle.org.uk)

You can click on the links below to connect to our website for further information about each training course.

### New:

[Training for Trainers](#) is a new one day course for experienced trainers that introduce Triangle's newest DVDs and training packs: Three Way Street, The Whole Picture and Safeguarding Deaf and Disabled Children (the last of these has been produced in partnership with the NSPCC). 14th September 2011 or 2nd February 2012 or 14th May 2012.

£415 + VAT inc. DVD packs

### New:

[Interviewing Young Children and Children with Communication Impairments](#) is a new two day course designed for experienced interviewers who have a working knowledge of achieving best evidence guidance.

21st & 22nd September 2011 or 23rd & 24th November 2011 or 21st & 22nd March 2012

£180 + VAT

### [Introduction to Communication and Consultation](#)

12 & 13th October 2011 or 22nd & 23rd February 2012

£180 + VAT

### [Introduction to Challenging Behaviour](#)

5th & 6th October 2011 or 8th & 9th February 2012

£180 + VAT

Autism and Communication

3rd November 2011

£95 + VAT

Advanced Communication and Consultation

16th & 17th November 2011 or 28th & 29th March 2012

£180 + VAT

Advanced Challenging Behaviour

14th & 15th December 2011 or 7th & 8th March 2012

£180 + VAT

Advocacy Skills with Disabled Children and Young People

2nd November 2011 or 14th March 2012

£95 + VAT

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