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## Introduction

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I am delighted to be finally writing this introduction to the third edition of the Nuffield Centre Dyspraxia Programme.

As far back as 1996, my former job-share partner, Juliette Corrin, and I began to think about the possibility of producing a new edition of the NDP. These preliminary ideas gradually took shape and now, at last the new product is in print.

In 1996, the NDP was already a successful product. Several thousand copies of the previous editions had been sold, both in UK and abroad, such that the NDP had become a standard resource for paediatric speech and language therapists. Adaptations had also been produced in Dutch and Swedish.

Despite this success, we knew our product could be improved and so decided to work on a new edition rather than just reprinting the previous edition. In doing so, we had a number of aims:

To improve the overall "look" of the NDP, by creating new designs and presentations and by both improving and updating the artwork.

To expand the contents of the therapy resources, by adding additional sections to create a complete Programme from oro-motor exercises to connected speech activities.

To strengthen the assessment and make it more accessible to clinicians. In particular, we wanted to improve the evaluation of the data obtained from the speech and oro-motor tasks, to support treatment planning.

To extend the previous manual, to accompany the assessment and therapy materials, by setting it in a background of published literature and to create a major information resource on developmental verbal dyspraxia.

To make the NDP generally more user-friendly to the busy clinician, by providing a combination of materials to use in therapy sessions and in practice programmes; by providing cross-referencing between the manual and the therapy materials and by providing explanations and resources.

### **This new NDP package includes:**

- 3 Ringbinders of photocopiable therapy worksheets
- A detailed manual contained in a separate ringbinder
- A separate assessment ringbinder, including photocopiable assessment forms and 6 assessment flipbooks
- 2 boxes of therapy cards (4 of each item of single sounds, CV, CVC, CVCV etc pictures)

Undoubtedly, this will not be the end of NDP development. However, for the next few years, I hope that this new product will provide clinicians with a flexible, comprehensive assessment and therapy package, to use in the management of children with severe speech disorders.

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