RCSLT outcome measures information

The RCSLT emphasise that this isn’t a comprehensive literature search, but rather a list of resources and that these would need to be evaluated. Whenever they signpost to resources, the Royal College are keen to highlight to their members the importance of appraising the strength of evidence and considering whether the resources are appropriate and applicable to their area of practice. The same considerations and caveats apply here.

The RCSLT has resources available for its members to support understanding and use of outcomes and outcome measurement. Members can access this at: https://www.rcslt.org/members/outcomes/outcomes

Here is a list of some open-access online resources that may be of interest:

- A Generic Outcome Measure for Rehabilitation – a Tool for Commissioning – consideration of the use of outcome measurement in commissioning
- Centre for Outcome Measurement in Brain Injury - an online resource providing information about outcome measurement for brain injuries
- COMET Initiative – an initiative to develop ‘core outcome sets’ for clinical trials
- Communication Matters Outcome measurement project – a resource developed by Communication Matters to support outcome measurement for those with aided communication needs
- EHC Outcomes Pyramid – a tool developed by the Council for Disabled Children to support with identifying meaningful outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs
- International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM) – an international consortium focusing on outcome measurement
- Outcomes Myths – a look at tackling the myths about outcomes by Outcomes Based Healthcare
- Setting outcomes: a guide – MENCAP – a resource to support the setting of individual outcomes for children and young people
- Speech, language and communication needs: Evaluating outcomes – a paper produced by the Commissioning Support Programme examining speech, language and communication outcomes for children and young people
- UK Rehabilitation Outcomes Collaborative – a specialist UK collaborative established to develop a national database for inpatient rehabilitation
- Why Outcomes measurement is the key to fixing Healthcare – an article in the Reformer Blog looking at outcomes-based approaches to healthcare
Here is a generic list of journal articles on this topic of which some may not be relevant:


• Roulstone, S., Coadm J., Ayre, A., Hambly, H., Lindsay, G. (2012). The preferred outcomes of children with speech, language and communication needs and their parents, London: DfE.


• Roulstone, S., & Lindsay, G. (2012). The perspectives of children and young people who have speech, language and communication needs, and their parents, London: DfE.


• Weldring, T., and Smith, S.M.S. (2013). Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs) and Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs). Health Service Insights, 6, 61-68.


• Williamson, P.R., Altman, D.G., Blazeby, J.M., Clarke, M., Devane, D., Gargon, E., Tugwell, P. (2012). Developing core outcome sets for clinical trials: issues to consider. Trials, 12, 132