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*PhD Title:* Exploring communication and connection in families living with dementia, using a family system approach

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### My background

I have been working clinically as a Speech and Language Therapist in the NHS for several years, specializing in supporting people with dementia and their families. I provide holistic assessment and therapy for people with dementia who experience communication and swallowing difficulties.

I have always been very passionate about delivering evidence-based interventions and engaging with emerging research. I completed a Masters in Dementia Studies at the University of Stirling, and was keen to continue my postgraduate studies to PhD level.

### My research

I am at early stage of my PhD journey and I am in the process of conducting my literature review. However, I am planning to use qualitative methods to gain a rich understanding into the ways that a person with dementia, and their family members, of multiple generations, adapt to and manage changes in communication as a family unit.

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