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The waiting list for children seeking speech and language services has stretched to more than 30,000 children. And with 700 posts in childrens' disability services currently vacant, the wait for many of those children who need vital care is likely to go on for some time.

Kate Beckett, runs the Optima Speech Therapy clinic in Wicklow. She has written a clinical book, due to be published internationally (US & UK) by Routledge in January 2024, entitled '*Ultimate Speech Sounds: Eliciting Speech Sounds Using 3D Animation*'. Her book features the first child avatar for teaching speech sounds, called DARA® (Digitised Automated Realistic Articulator).

Kate has also founded *Resourceible.com*, an online speech therapy resource platform that offers professionals a marketplace to buy and sell custom-made digital speech therapy resources. International, contemporary resources at a fraction of the cost, the *Resourceible* goal is to save time on resource preparation so that more children can access speech therapy.

*Resourceible.com* offers the resources referred to in Kate's book including free downloads, charts, and educational materials. *Resourceible.com* also hosts a free YouTube channel offering the complete DARA® series for speech therapists, teachers, and educational assistants.

Kate has found great support from her ACORNS group. Having launched the business prior to joining ACORNS, she has found it particularly helpful to have a group of strong women to bounce ideas off while learning to balance both business and family.

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