Therapy trial for patients with primary progressive aphasia: using a conversation based therapy approach such as Supporting Partners of People with Aphasia in Relationship and Conversation (SPPARC).

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PPA in clinical settings...

- How many patients / clients have you seen with PPA?
- How many people do you think are out there? Looking for therapy?
Conversation based therapy and strategies is what clinicians actually use as there is little time for formal therapies when working with people with PPA.
Research questions

- Can a conversation based therapy approach such as SPPARC (Lock, Wilkinson and Bryan, 2008) demonstrate positive outcomes for people with PPA?

- Can a conversation based therapy approach such as SPPARC (Lock et al, 2008) demonstrate positive outcomes for partners of people with progressive aphasia?

- Is a formal conversation based therapy such as SPPARC (Lock et al, 2008) suitable for use in a clinical setting with people with PPA?

- Will the effects of a conversation based therapy approach such as SPPARC (Lock et al, 2008) be maintained up to 6 months following therapy intervention?
Is this study relevant?

- Is there a clinical need for such this type of study in your opinion?

- Do you think there is a need to focus on people with PPA, or their partners, or both?

- Given that some services have very little time and resource for PPA do you think focusing on an entire therapy program is viable and will it translate to practice?
How to run the study?

- What outcome measures do you think would be most helpful?

- Should I include all three types of primary progressive aphasia in the intervention group?

- I am aiming to run a pilot group this year- any advice?
Thankyou

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