

Further information on our review process for screeners

In December 2025, the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) began a two-stage tender process for organisations providing high-quality, affordable dyslexia screening tools for children and young people to widen access to evidence-based screening solutions. This is part of our commitment to improving early identification, promoting fairness, and ensuring that screening approaches reflect current research and best practice.

Stage 1

Suppliers were asked to respond to our [invitation to tender](#) looking for organisations and tools that will help the BDA:

- Support schools and families in recognising early signs of potential dyslexia
- Promote fair access to screening regardless of background
- Ensure screeners are inclusive, accessible, and reflect current research
- Provide high-quality guidance and reporting to support next steps for both children and adults

Suppliers were asked to provide specific information about their organisation, their screening tool and ways that they would work with the BDA.

All submissions were reviewed by an internal team and scored against the requirements set out in the tender documents. Where needed, further information was requested from the suppliers.

Stage 2

The submissions that met requirements were invited to an interview with BDA staff and trustees. This interview was used to probe the information already provided and determine which suppliers provided tools that met our quality requirements.

Result of process

Following this process, the decision was taken that the screening tools provided by Nessy and Talamo met our requirements and that we would signpost to these tools from our website. Both organisations offer families a 20% discount code on our website for their screening tools. Talamo make a donation of 20% of the screener price to the BDA every time this discount code is used. The BDA are using these donations to support our charitable

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objectives, including our Helpline, providing confidential information, support and signposting for people with dyslexia and dyscalculia and those who support them.

Ongoing reviews

Talamo and Nussy will inform the BDA of any changes to their screening tools to ensure that they continue to meet the standards expected by the BDA. In addition to this, we will review annually including considering additional suppliers.

In future, we plan to run a similar process for screeners for adults, and for use in schools.

Conflicts of interest

BDA staff and trustees were asked to declare any conflicts of interests which resulted in two individuals removing themselves from this tender process.