

**Mini Curricula Vitae
England, Wales
and Scotland**

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains miniature curricula vitae for all the consultants currently preparing reports for Jacqueline Webb & Co, detailing their qualifications, experience and work history.

EXPERTISE MATRIX

For ease of reference, an Expertise Matrix has been included on pages seven to nine. This has been designed to assist you to identify consultants with relevant expertise.

HOME BASES

In order to assist you quickly find a consultant in your locality a list of consultants' Home Bases can be found on pages ten to twelve.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Full curricula vitae are readily available on request should you require comprehensive information on particular consultants. To request these, or any other information, please contact Jacqueline Webb & Co by telephoning Tracy Painter on 01722 329156, e-mail: [**allocations@jwebb.co.uk**](mailto:allocations@jwebb.co.uk). Alternatively, you may submit a request through our website at www.jwebb.co.uk

EXPERTISE MATRIX

| Consultant | Hand Injuries | Head Injuries | Loss of Services | Mental Health | Moving & Handling | Paediatrics | Physical Disability & Amputees | Spinal Injuries | Palliative Care | Visual Impairment |
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| Linda Aitken | | | | Paedi only | | • | | | | |
| Carolyn Archibold | | • | | | | | | | | |
| Denise Ashworth | | | Some | | | | • | | Some | |
| Rachel Atiyah | | | | | | | • | • | | |
| Marian Banks | | • | | | | • | • | | | • |
| Tim Barnes | • | • | | | | | • | • | | |
| Robert Birmingham | | | | | | | • | | | |
| Verity Boak | | | | | | | • | | | |
| Claire Booth | | • | | | | | | | | |
| Wendy Bromham-Davies | | • | | • | | | • | | | |
| Claire Broughton | | | | | | • | | | | |
| Robyn Bryant | | | | | | | • | | | |
| Helen Buri | • | | • | | | | • | • | | |
| Karen Campbell | • | | | | | | • | | | |
| Michael Chevalier * | | Minor | • | | • | | • | | • | |
| Fazeela Chharawala | | • | | | | | • | • | | |
| Clare Chiwandire | | • | | | | | | | | |
| Emma Cullen | | | | | | | • | • | | |
| Sally-Anne Denton | | | | | | • | | | | |
| Louise Denzel | | | | | | | • | | | |
| Barbara Earnshaw | | • | | | | | • | | | |

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| Victoria Elton * | | | | | ● | ● | | | | |
| Alison Esbach | | ● | | | | | | | | |
| Philippa Fancourt | | ● | | | | | ● | | | |
| Janice Farndon | | | | | | | ● | | | |
| Nicola Gallagher | | | | ● | | | ● | | ● | |
| Catherine Gittins | ● | | ● | | | | ● | | ● | ● |
| Rachel Glenny | ● | | | | | | ● | Para-plegia | | |
| Joanna Goodwin | | | ● | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Sandy Gowings | ● | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | |
| Jayne Grebby | | | ● | | | | ● | ● | | ● |
| Amanda Hackett | | | | | ● | | ● | | ● | ● |
| Sheena Hardwick | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Jane Hogg | | ● | | ● | | | | | | |
| Stephanie Hopkinson | | | | | | | ● | | | |
| Jane Ireland | | | | | | | | ● | | |
| Rachel Jenkins | | Paedi only | | | | ● | | | | |
| Rosemary Johnson | | | | | ● | | ● | | | ● |
| Sarah Knox | | Paedi only | | | | ● | ● | | | |
| Rachel Loveland | | | | | | | ● | | ● | |
| Joanne Mason | | ● | | | | | | | | |
| Janet McClean | | ● | | ● | | | ● | | | |
| Moira McFarnon | | Paedi only | | | | ● | ● | | | |
| Lisa McSpirit | | ● | | | | ● | | | | |

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| Rachel O'Brien | ● | | ● | | | Erb's only | ● | | ● | |
| Zoë Panter | | | | | | ● | ● | | | |
| Sharon Parry-Ashley | | | | | | | ● | | ● | |
| Anita Pascoe | | ● | | | | | | | | |
| Jean Phillips * | | ● | ● | | ● | | ● | | ● | |
| Rebecca Rodd | | | | | | | ● | | | |
| Carmel Ruane | | | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● | ● |
| Melinda Silson | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Sarah Smart | | | | | | | ● | | | |
| Deborah Smith | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Heidi Stanley | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Christine Stevens | ● | ● | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Alison Stone | ● | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Joanne Teague | | | ● | | | | ● | | | ● |
| Christine Wardle | | | | | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Lucy Weech (nee Hickox) | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Donna Wells | | | | | | ● | | | | |
| Denise Winks | | | | | ● | | ● | ● | ● | |

* Also carry out adult moving & handling risk assessments

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| London | Fazeela Chharawala | 28 |
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| Manchester | Victoria Elton | 34 |
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LINDA AITKEN

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Perth & Kinross

Qualifications: Dip COT (1983)

Current employment:

I am an independent practitioner producing expert witness care and equipment reports as a paediatric occupational therapist. I also maintain a clinical caseload as part of a paediatric occupational therapy team, providing assessment and treatment of children with a variety of special needs, while offering support to their families. In addition, I work with children and families in the area of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Work history:

Since completing my Occupational Therapy training in 1983, most of my career has been spent in the specialist field of paediatrics. I have worked in National Health Service and Social Services settings, carrying out assessment, care planning and treatment of children who have a wide range of special needs. This culminated in my promotion to departmental Head of the Community Paediatrics service in Basingstoke and North Hants Health Authority. After a few years abroad, I returned to live in Scotland and in recent years have worked within my own private practice. In response to waiting list initiatives locum work within the NHS continues to provide varied clinical experience with a number of multi-disciplinary Health teams. The main role is assessment and therapeutic interventions with children who have special needs, in hospital, the home, and in mainstream and special education settings. I have extensive experience of the physical, social and emotional impact, which disability has on children and their families.

I regularly attend courses to ensure continuing professional development.

Special interest / expertise:

Children with Special Needs

HPC: OT12437

BAOT: BT00017515

CAROLYN ARCHIBOLD

Specialism: Head injury

Home base: Essex

Qualifications: MSc MCSP (1985)

Current employment

I have been working with Jacqueline Webb & Co Ltd producing care reports since 2006. My current work includes case management of clients with acquired brain injury. Experience includes working with families, resourcing services in private and statutory sectors and advising on rehabilitation, accommodation and equipment provision. I have responsibility for recruitment and training of support teams, including provision of 24-hour care teams.

Work history

I qualified as a physiotherapist in 1985 and gained a masters degree with distinction in Health Sciences in 1995. I have had extensive clinical experience in the areas of neurology and neurosurgery in acute hospitals, specialist brain injury rehabilitation units and in the community. My main area of interest is traumatic brain injury. I have worked as a brain injury case manager since 2001.

I am registered with the Health Professions Council, The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and I am an Advanced Member of The British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers.

Special interest/expertise

Acquired brain injury.

HPC: PH34134

BAOT: MCSP43550

BABICM: 0004

DENISE ASHWORTH

Specialism: Orthopaedic injuries, amputations, back conditions

Home base: West Midlands

Qualifications: DipCOT (1980)

Current employment:

I am an Assistant Team Manager for Dudley Social Services, responsible for supervising and coordinating a team of qualified and unqualified therapists, providing both clinical and professional support. The service provides assessments for people of all ages with a wide range of physical disabilities.

I retain a clinical caseload of individuals with complex needs in order to provide suitable equipment and adaptations to promote maximum independence within their own homes.

Work history

I have gained wide-ranging experience in hospital, residential care and social services settings. I have worked for the NHS (including a wheelchair service and a centre for independent living) and social services (including five years as Head Occupational Therapist). I have set up and managed a Care at Home Service, providing home carers for people with physical disabilities. I have worked as a consultant therapist preparing care reports as an expert witness since 1994.

Special interest/expertise

Back conditions, I am a member of Back Care.

Housing: I am a regional representative of COTSS – Housing, and have worked with Housing Associations on specialist housing design.

HPC: OT10433

BAOT: BT20211038

RACHEL ATIYAH

Specialism: Physical disability, spinal injury

Home base: Oxfordshire

Qualifications: Diploma in Occupational Therapy (1978-1981),
Certificate in Counselling (1982)

Current employment:

I am currently a Unit Manager for Social and Community Services, responsible for coordinating the occupational therapy team, allocating referrals and supervising the assessments of clients with long term multiple needs.

Work history:

I have wide ranging experience in hospital, community and private practice. I have worked for the NHS (including orthopaedic, medical and cardiac rotational posts) and Social Services departments. Since 1998 I have worked in Social and Community Services including working with clients of all ages with physical disabilities, two years of this as a case manager setting up care packages in addition to recommending equipment and housing adaptations. I have also assisted with the setting up and running a single point of access for all social work and occupational therapy referrals into Social and Community Services. I have worked privately both for clients direct and via solicitors to carry out recommendations following personal injury settlements.

Special interests / expertise:

Physical disability, spinal injuries

I have personal experience of caring for someone with traumatic injuries following a motorcycle accident and someone needing palliative care.

HPC: OT10905

BAOT: BT0213697PM

MARIAN BANKS

Specialism: Head injury, neurological conditions including cerebral palsy, and visual impairment

Home base: Bath, Avon

Qualifications: MAEd Open University (OU) (1994-7); BA OU (1982-6); Certificate in Education FE (1981-2); Diploma College of Occupational Therapists (1972-5); Certificates in counselling theory (1996); counselling skills (1997) and combined certificate in counselling (1998); Higher Education Diploma – rehabilitation studies (Visual Impairment) (2006-7)

Current employment/educational status

I am an Associate Lecturer with the Open University and between 2000 and 2007 delivered the Critical Practice in Health and Social Care course to health and social care practitioners. I am currently delivering the Working Together for Children course to health and social care practitioners, Early Years practitioners and education personnel.

Work history

My experience in hospital, residential care and community settings has involved intervention/resettlement for individuals with acute and/or chronic disability. I have many years of experience identifying specialist equipment, care packages and social and recreational needs for individuals with neurological conditions and devising programmes to develop specific skills to encourage community integration for individuals with learning disability. Recent employment has involved assessment, intervention and community support to individuals with traumatic brain injury. In all of these settings I have had opportunities to be involved in needs assessment and the development of care packages and training for carers, whether they are family or employed. Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to work with individuals with sensory impairments. Since 1990 I have undertaken work as an independent occupational therapist.

Special interest/expertise

Sensory impairments, especially visual impairment.

HPC: OT07720

BAOT: BT0008916

TIM BARNES

Specialism: Acquired brain injury, complex neurological and orthopaedic conditions, vocational rehabilitation

Home base: Devon

Qualifications: MA (Cantab) 1976, DipCOT 1988

Current occupation:

I am an independent occupational therapist and case manager. I provide vocational rehabilitation and case management services to personal injury claimants under a non-adversarial scheme sponsored by NFU Mutual Insurance Company. My current caseload under this scheme covers a wide range of injuries including individuals with very severe head injuries and complex orthopaedic injuries. I also provide an assessment service to BUPA in respect of their long term care insurance policies and assessment and rehabilitation services to local charities and local authorities in the southwest. I am also a visiting lecturer at Plymouth University on the occupational therapy undergraduate course and external advisor on the postgraduate MA course in Work and Wellbeing.

Work history

Since qualifying as a mature student I have worked both in the National Health Service and in Local Authority Social Services. After specialising in the field of complex neurological conditions, I was appointed as Team Manager of a multi-disciplinary care management team and then as Care Management Systems Officer for Devon County Council. I established my own practice in 1996.

Special interest/expertise

In 1998 I achieved certification from the British Psychological Society to carry out standardised assessment tests and in 2000 completed the necessary training to administer cognitive tests including the Behavioural Assessment of the Dysexecutive Syndrome and the Test of Everyday Attention. I am a member of three specialist sections of the College of Occupational Therapists, COTSS in Neurological Practice, COTSS in Work and COTSS in Independent Practice. I have served on the National Executive Committees of the latter two. I have assisted the Health and Safety Executive in drawing up guidance for employers with injured and disabled staff. My publications also include a chapter in Elderly Care Medicine (Cavendish Publishing 2000) dealing with the role of the occupational therapist in relation to older people. I have extensive experience of local authority provision, working methods and statutory responsibilities.

HPC: OT16620

BAOT: BT0060016

ROBERT BIRMINGHAM

Specialisms: Physical Disability including amputees,
Cerebral Palsy

Home base: Kent

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) OT 1995

Current employment:

I am fully self-employed as an Occupational Therapist working in a variety of roles. Currently I am carrying out individual assessments for rehab companies and insurance firms as well as work-based assessments for private employers. I also complete housing assessments for local authorities, complex access audits, and assessments of individual students' needs for local education authorities. I am also in the final stages of a Postgraduate degree in Health and Community Studies and I am a trustee for two charitable trusts providing expert advice on disability issues. I am also the Clinical Forum rep for the national committee of the Independent Practice section of the College of Occupational Therapy.

Work history:

Working in the field of Social Care has given me considerable experience of assessing the complex needs of people with acute and chronic physical disabilities. This involves complex functional assessments to identify equipment, adaptations and care needed to maximise the independence of people of all ages. I also have experience of planning and managing these services. For several years I worked for Scope and have considerable experience of severe learning disabilities. I have extensive experience of report writing and have written articles for a variety of publications including OT News and was a regular columnist for Therapy Weekly. I have been working solely as an Independent OT since 2007.

Special interest / expertise:

Physical disability, housing adaptations, cerebral palsy

HPC: OT24377

BAOT: BT0208692

VERITY BOAK

Specialisms: Physical Disability including Amputees

Home base: Jersey, Channel Islands

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (1998)

Current employment:

As Director of Independent Living Consultants, I coordinate a small team of multi-disciplinary health professionals who help our clients meet their potential for living safely and independently within their home environment. We provide OT, Physiotherapy, falls prevention programmes and implement care packages.

Work history:

I have worked mainly in the community assessing the impact of illness and disability on everyday life. From my experience working within Social Services, and from my work as an Independent OT, I have assessed people with a wide range of disabilities including orthopaedic conditions (including hip and knee replacements and amputations), neurological conditions, arthritis, amputation, medical conditions (for example, cardiac and respiratory diseases), spinal injury and terminal care. I am skilled in; identifying and sourcing specialist equipment, advising on housing needs and case management for people with a wide range of physical impairments. Upon moving to Jersey, I have used my knowledge regarding the challenges faced by disabled people to advise the building industry on disability related matters. This included carrying out access audits and appraisals of architect's drawings. This has helped me to establish analytic assessment and report writing skills and the ability to present succinct information in a pressurised setting. Since setting up Independent Living Consultants, I have become skilled in holistic assessment and developed skills costing and coordinating care packages using private carers or care agencies.

Special interest / expertise:

Access and disability legislation

HPC: OT28783

BAOT: BT0212963

CLAIRE BOOTH

Specialism: Head injuries, case management

Home base: Devon

Qualifications: DipCOT (1985 – OT14276)

Current employment:

I set up Westcountry Case Management Ltd in 2001. My company specialises in the provision of case management for adults and children with traumatic brain injury and complex physical/psychological disability.

I manage 17 case managers who come from a range of health professional backgrounds and also have my own caseload. The company is registered with the Commission for Social Care Inspection which enables case managers to assist clients with employment of support workers. The company currently manages around 100 clients' needs.

I have been producing reports for Jacqueline Webb and Co since 1995.

Work history:

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1985 and worked for a total of five years in general hospitals mainly treating clients with neurological problems including head injury and stroke, taking a special interest in head injury.

From 1991 to 1997 I worked in a specialist brain injury unit assessing and treating clients with cognitive, physical and behavioural problems and managing their rehabilitation programmes.

From 1997 I have worked as an independent brain injury case manager.

Special interests / expertise:

- Co-ordination of complex care packages.
- Advanced member of BABICM.
- Member of CMSUK.
- Member of Headway.

HPC: OT14276

BAOT: BT0104902

WENDY BROMHAM-DAVIES

Specialisms: Head Injury, Mental Health and Vocational Rehabilitation

Home base: Neath, South Wales

Qualifications: BSc Occupational Therapy

Current employment:

I am employed by the NHS as a Condition Management Practitioner – part of the government driven Pathways To Work initiative. I use my Occupational Therapy skills to assist customers of Incapacity Benefit and Employment Support Allowance to manage their health so that they may return to work. The customers experience a wide range of conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome, mental health, cardiovascular, chronic pain and neurological problems.

Work history:

Since qualifying as an Occupational therapist in 1995 I have been employed by the NHS and have gained considerable clinical experience in assessment and care planning in various physical and mental health settings. In 2001 I began working with clients who have suffered from head injuries, specialising in the assessment and treatment of their cognitive and behavioural difficulties. From this experience I developed a special interest in Vocational Rehabilitation and began working as a Condition Management Practitioner in 2007.

Special interest / expertise:

Cognitive problems following Traumatic Brain Injury
Mental Health
Vocational Rehabilitation

I am a fluent Welsh speaker

HPC: OT24621

BAOT: BT0208245

CLAIRE BROUGHTON

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Bedfordshire

Qualifications: Diploma in Occupational Therapy (1991), Post Grad Certificate as Moving and Handling Trainer (1998, Post Graduate certificate in Business Management (1995).

Current employment:

I am an independent practitioner preparing rehabilitation cost reports for children who have suffered traumatic injury and disability. I am also employed as a Social Services Occupational Therapist working with children and young people under 18 years of age. I am responsible for assessing their needs within their home environment, and recommending necessary equipment, minor and major adaptations. The purpose of the recommendations is to enable the child to reach their full potential, functionally, and for their family or carers to assist them safely. I work closely with the Social Work team to ascertain care needs.

Work history:

I have worked as a paediatric OT for a total of 14 years, both in NHS and County Council teams. I have many years experience identifying specialist equipment, assisting with care packages and investigating social and recreational needs for children and young people with a wide range of diagnosis. Working with children involves working with and considering the family's needs of which I also have extensive experience. I have been involved in devising treatment programs to develop skills and to encourage independence. In addition I have been a visiting lecturer to Northampton University, worked with a charity in Romania and undertaken medical legal work. I am competent in report writing, during my 19 years experience providing reports for solicitor groups, District Councils, charitable organisations, medical teams and housing associations.

Special interest / expertise:

Paediatrics, particularly cerebral palsy

HPC: OT 19494

BAOT: BT0201425

ROBYN BRYANT

Specialism: Orthopaedic injuries, lower limb amputations, bowel injury

Home base: East Sussex

Qualifications: DipOT (1986) New Zealand

Current employment:

I currently work as a senior occupational therapist for a company which outsources local authority work. I am responsible for supervising qualified and unqualified therapists providing clinical support. The service provides assessments for people of all ages with a wide range of physical disabilities.

I advise on care packages, specialist equipment and housing adaptations, with the aim of enabling clients to remain living within their home environment.

Work history:

Initially I worked within hospital settings covering a wide range of fields including neurology, elderly care, orthopaedics, oncology and general medicine. Since 1991 I have worked as a community-based therapist, both in the UK and overseas, working with people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. I have worked both as a senior practitioner and a housing occupational therapist within Social Services settings as well as working within the private sector as an occupational therapy manager. I initially started preparing medical-legal reports outlining the care, equipment and adaptation requirements for those who have sustained personal injury in 2000 whilst living in Australia and have continued this work with Jacqueline Webb & Co since 2004. I am a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapists in Private Practice, a specialist section of the College of Occupational Therapists.

Special interests / expertise:

Equipment provision for lower limb amputees.

The impact of bowel and internal injury on daily living activities.

Housing adaptations for people with physical disabilities.

HPC: OT15458

BAOT BT0213719

HELEN BURI

Specialism: Orthopaedics, older adults, physical disability

Home base: South West Scotland

Qualifications: MSc Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy) 1999;
Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching, 2000;
DipCOT 1990

Current employment:

I have worked with Jacqueline Webb & Co since 1998. In addition, I work as an occupational therapist/case manager for Headstart Rehabilitation Services and as an occupational therapist assessing clients on behalf of Poppy Scotland. My current skills include assessment, goal setting, developing care plans, providing rehabilitation programmes, provision of equipment and liaising with other professionals to assist clients and their families to cope with serious disability.

Work history

I worked in the NHS for nine years after qualifying in 1990, gaining general experience including hand injuries, neurological conditions, back/spinal injuries, amputation and visual impairment. I developed specialist skills in assessment and rehabilitation of orthopaedic injuries and of older people who suffer falls. Since then I have developed my experience as a therapy researcher, working with Professor Kenny and team in Newcastle-upon-Tyne investigating the prevention of falls in people with dementia. I gained a Masters of Science degree with distinction in 1999. Other studies I have worked on include the development of an assistive device for people with spinal injury and the housing needs of older people (a national study with Care and Repair England). I have six publications in peer-reviewed journals and a book chapter. Whilst working as a senior lecturer in occupational therapy at Sheffield Hallam University, I gained a post-graduate certificate in learning and teaching. Before taking up my current employment I worked as a locum for a community rehabilitation team providing occupational therapy to older people in their homes in inner city Glasgow.

Special interest/expertise

I regularly review articles for publication in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy. I am a member of the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers. I work as a voluntary caseworker for SSAFA Forces Help providing welfare support to veterans.

HPC: OT18668

BAOT: BT0200132

KAREN CAMPBELL

Specialism: Physical disability including amputees, hand therapy

Home base: Berkshire

Qualifications: BSc OT (1989) United States, BSc Psychology (1987) United States

Current employment:

I currently work as an independent occupational therapist. I work within a network of independent OT's who specialise in case management and the rehabilitation of individuals following serious injuries. My current caseload within this network covers a wide range of injuries including individuals with complex orthopaedic injuries and amputations. I also provide holiday cover for hand therapy clinics treating a wide range of upper extremity injuries and disease processes.

Work history:

I have worked in a broad range of physical disability settings in the US and UK, including acute hospital and community rehabilitation. I have acquired considerable experience in the assessment, treatment and care planning of a wide variety of disabilities/diagnoses including: upper and lower extremity trauma, multiple trauma/burns, hospital acquired infections and upper/lower extremity amputations.

My experience in the UK includes holding the posts of musculoskeletal clinical specialist, as well as manager of an occupational therapy department in a central London teaching hospital.

Special interest / expertise:

I was a Certified Hand Therapist (1998-2003) in America and have been a guest lecturer at university level teaching upper extremity anatomy and kinesiology.

HPC: OT34604

BAOT: BT0227793

MICHAEL CHEVALIER

Specialism: Physical disability, oncology/palliative care, manual handling

Home base: Devon

Qualifications: MPhil in Medical Sciences (1993 Exeter University); DipCOT dist. (1989 – OT 100189; MA Peace Studies (1981 Bradford University); LLB (1972 Warwick University); Certificate as Trainer in Manual Handling of Loads (2000 Exeter and District Community NHS Trust: annually re-validated)

Current employment:

I presently work as an adult head injury case manager for West Country Case Management and as a Manual handling trainer with Exeter Hospice.

Work history:

I have worked with a wide spectrum of conditions and disability in both specialist in-patient and community settings. Initially I specialised in palliative and terminal care, working in radiotherapy and hospice units in Exeter and Oxford. I also conducted research in oncology and haematology at undergraduate and Masters level.

I worked for Social Services in Oxford and Devon as a care manager where my responsibilities included: assessing care needs of adults with long term disabilities, organising and maintaining care packages (using statutory and care agencies) for adults with long term disabilities, housing adaptation assessment, advice and provision of equipment and manual handling advice and training.

I have experience in the provision of powered wheelchairs to people with a range of orthopaedic (including amputees), motor, respiratory and neurological disabilities. I have also worked within the mental health field, in forensic psychiatry and with vulnerable adults in the community. I have personal experience as a parent of a child with learning disabilities.

Special interest / expertise:

I am a fluent French speaker.

HPC: OT17857

BAOT: BT0100169

FAZEELA CHHARAWALA

Specialism: Orthopaedics, head injury, spinal injury

Home base: London

Qualifications: BSc Occupational Therapy

Current employment:

After qualifying as an occupational therapist in 1998 I worked in India, doing ergonomic assessments within clients' homes and rehabilitation. I have worked in the United Kingdom within the NHS, since 2001, providing occupational therapy treatment to inpatient elderly clients with orthopaedic, medical and neurological diagnoses. I have been writing expert witness reports since 2006. I am currently employed as an Occupational Therapist in Occupational Health at the Maudsley Hospital in London. I undertake occupational therapy assessments of clients within the Occupational Health service using evidence based/client centred principles to assess plan and implement interventions. South London and Maudsley Trust promotes special emphasis on support for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of staff and management of sickness absence.

Work history

In November 2004 I was appointed Senior 1 Occupational Therapist in Neurology with special emphasis on provision of occupational therapy on Stroke wards. Since 2006 I have worked within General Neurology with emphasis on provision of occupational therapy to patients admitted with spinal injury, traumatic and acquired brain injury and other neurological conditions such as meningitis and multiple sclerosis. I have significant experience in treating patients with stroke and head injury. I also have experience in treating patients with complete and incomplete lesions of the spinal cord resulting in paraplegia and tetraplegia.

Special interest/expertise

I have a specialist interest in neurology and worked with this client group from November 2002 to July 2009. I provided occupational therapy input to clients with a myriad of neurological impairments such as poor motor control, sensory affectation, apraxia and cognitive dysfunction. Along with members of the multi-disciplinary team I had consistent success in securing additional funds for ongoing rehabilitation. I educated clients and their carer(s) on techniques for coping with their disability and secondary impairments. I provide specialist assessment and treatment for neurological seating and positioning, wheelchairs, splinting, equipment and adaptations.

I speak Hindi, Urdu and Gujarati fluently in addition to speaking English. I have taught students on fieldwork placement and conducted in-service training for members of the multi-disciplinary teams on a range of topics, including postural management of neurologically impaired clients and management of dyspraxia to name a few.

HPC: OT33083

BAOT: BT0223430

CLARE CHIWANDIRE

Specialism: Head injury

Home base: Cambridgeshire

Qualifications: BSc (Occupational Therapy), MSc (Public Health)

Current employment

I am an occupational therapist with an independent practice in rehabilitation, as well as working part-time for the NHS. My clinical caseload includes the provision of neurological rehabilitation, including management of brain injury and stroke, general medicine, medicine for the elderly.

Work history

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1991 and have since worked as an occupational therapist in both acute and community settings, primarily in adult physical disability.

I was Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist for Peterborough and Stamford Hospital NHS Trust, leading service provision over three hospital sites in the area neurological rehabilitation, medicine for the elderly and general medicine. My experience includes assessment, rehabilitation and after-care planning for clients following physical injury or illness, with specialist skills in managing neurological impairment (brain injury and stroke), hand injuries and multi-trauma injuries (including burns, orthopaedic, and neurological impairments).

In these areas I have acted in a senior capacity, training and mentoring staff, advising and implementing on best practice and developing standards and guidelines for a specialist neurological rehabilitation unit in the UK. Clinical experience includes assessment and rehabilitation of conditions, environmental modifications, equipment provision and facilitation of return to work where appropriate. This has included liaison with employers, care providers and medical practitioners.

I have worked abroad in brain injury rehabilitation within the Trauma Unit (funded by the Traffic Accident Commission) at The Alfred Hospital, Australia.

In addition to clinical caseload, my role includes assuring quality of care, training and advising staff, and service redesign. I am experienced in presenting to Executive and Strategic Health Board level.

Special interest/expertise

I have a strong interest in trauma rehabilitation, including brain injury. I completed a Masters Degree in Public Health in 2006 with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, majoring in Health Systems Management.

HPC: OT22770

BAOT: BT0237889

EMMA CULLEN

Specialism: Spinal Cord Injury, severe burns, physical disability

Home base: Leicestershire

Qualifications: BSc Hons Occupational Therapy (1997)

Current employment:

In 2007 I began work in the independent sector providing case management services for clients with spinal cord injury. This involves identifying their needs and ensuring the appropriate provision of care, equipment, adaptations and professional services for them. I also work as a rehabilitation cost consultant utilising my assessment skills to identify, and cost, care and equipment needs in the preparation of expert witness reports for clients with a spinal cord injury or severe burns.

Work history:

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1997 and for 10 years worked full-time in a variety of specialised settings. As well as with general conditions, I have in-depth experience in the rehabilitation of clients with severe burns, spinal cord injuries (both tetraplegic and paraplegic), peripheral nerve injury (including brachial plexus and hand injuries) and chronic pain. As a senior occupational therapist I have been responsible for team development, supervision and service progression.

My specialist skills include:

- Determining and implementing treatment plans to maximise individual's functional independence and discharge planning.
- Equipment and orthotic provision (especially wheelchair provision and splinting).
- Home adaptations.
- Education in the management of impairment and disability.
- The assessment of a client's care needs and setting up suitable care packages.

Special interests / expertise:

I am accredited in Assessment of Motor and Process skills and I have had a study of individuals returning to work following spinal cord injury published.

HPC: OT27602

BAOT: BT0213228

SALLY-ANNE DENTON

Specialisms: Cerebral palsy, neuromuscular problems, head injury, neurosurgery, oncology, haematology, leukaemia, spinal surgery, complex general surgery, renal problems, haemofiltration/ dialysis, metabolic problems, cardiac problems, sepsis, ears, nose and throat.

Home base: Lancashire

Qualifications: RGN, RSCN, ENB 415 Diploma, ENB 998,

Current Employment: I am a Band 7 Senior Sister Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital involved in a wide range of conditions.

- Wide range or recent experience with patients throughout my area of specialisms.
- Experience of treating clients who have complications following MRSA infections.
- Skilled at making thorough assessments and care planning of clients with complex needs.
- Considerable experience of assessments
- Experience in the role as care co-ordinator to enable safe discharge home from hospital with very complex disabilities/problems including home ventilation.

Work History:

- 2008 consultancy report writing with Jacqueline Webb & Co.
- 1997- present Senior Sister PICU, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
- 1996-1997 Junior Sister PICU , Booth Hall Children's Hospital.
- 1993-1996 Staff Nurse PICU/Neonates Leeds General Infirmary
- 1992-1993 Staff Nurse Ward 55 Paediatric surgery Leeds General Infirmary
- 1990-1991 Staff Nurse Ward 51/52 Paediatric Medicine Leeds General Infirmary

NMC- 8711862E

RCN- 987569

LOUISE DENZEL

Specialism: Head injury, physical disability

Home base: Nottingham

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (1998)

Current employment:

I am a programme manager for Reach Personal Injury Services, providing assessment and rehabilitation for brain-injured clients. I also work at a teaching hospital as a senior occupational therapist on a stroke rehabilitation ward. I assess the cognitive, perceptual and physical consequences of stroke and make recommendations for follow-up rehabilitation and care packages.

Work history:

I have experience in hospital, community and social service settings and have worked with many specialities including medicine and surgery – predominantly amputees, orthopaedics and neurosciences – including head injuries.

I have worked to team leader level within the neurosciences team at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. During this time I worked with in/outpatients following neurosurgery, or with a diagnosis of neurological disease.

I have worked in social services throughout Derbyshire where I assessed for and recommended equipment and major adaptations for adults with physical disability.

Special interest / expertise:

Moving and handling – I am a moving and handling trainer at the NHS trust where I am employed.

HPC: OT28974

BAOT: BT0214347

BARBARA EARNSHAW

Specialism: Head injury, orthopaedics, neurological

Home base: Central Scotland

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) OT, Sheffield 1998; Certificate in Life Coaching, The Coaching Academy 2006

Current employment:

I am currently the Director of Services of Headstart Rehabilitation Services Ltd, where I am involved in case managing brain and spinal injury clients through designing and delivering home-based brain injury rehabilitation programmes and delivering training within clinical areas.

Work history

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1998 and have a wide range of experience in assessing and providing rehabilitation to brain-injured individuals. I have been responsible for the development of occupational therapy services within an Acquired Brain Injury Unit in the past and more recently have been involved in the development of a service within a secure unit for people with challenging behaviour. I previously provided an occupational therapy service to Momentum Scotland, vocational rehabilitation centre for individuals with brain injuries.

I have been working in the private sector since 2003, providing individual rehabilitation programmes in the community, case management and training. I am currently involved with a number of cases ranging from clients with complex needs requiring 24-hour care and clients who have less complex requirements, including assistance to follow leisure pursuits.

I was involved in the training committee for the British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) from 2005 to 2009. Through this I was involved in the development and training of case managers throughout the UK.

Special interest/expertise

Adolescents and young adults with challenging behaviour following brain injury.

I am currently studying Vocational Rehabilitation at Masters level.

HPC: OT28665

BAOT: BT0219203

VICTORIA ELTON

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Manchester

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy 2002

Current employment

I am a children's occupational therapist working in the community for the National Health Service. As part of my role, I lead the complex needs service providing assessment and treatment of children with a variety of special needs at home, in schools and respite care settings. I am also responsible for the development of the equipment and adaptations service within the children's occupational therapy team. I am experienced in assessing care needs: completing postural management assessments and providing advice, equipment and relevant parent and carer training.

I work within a multidisciplinary team to ensure holistic services for children aged 0-19 years and their families. I am leading on transition from child to adult services. I am experienced in working with children with a range of disabilities including cerebral palsy, spina bifida, acquired brain injuries, learning difficulties, developmental delay and autism spectrum disorders.

My role involves vast amounts of problem solving and flexibility in order to meet the varied and changing needs of children with highly complex needs. I am confident and competent in assessing and treating children with such needs and planning their care requirements.

Work history

As an occupational therapist I have worked on hospital wards, intermediate care, day hospital, mainstream and special schools, nurseries, respite care and in clients own homes. I have gained experience in orthopaedics such as hip replacements and amputees, elderly mental health, rehabilitation and for the past five years I have specialised in paediatrics. This experience has involved using standardised and non-standardised assessments to devise holistic therapeutic interventions for children with a variety of disabilities. I have worked in health, education and social care settings working with the relevant teams to meet the individual needs of the child.

I have also worked in a consultancy role offering advice to a private healthcare company regarding the development of paediatric services.

Special Interest/expertise

My expertise includes the assessment and prescription of care and equipment or adaptation needs for children and young people with complex needs. I am a key trainer in the moving and handling of people with special needs.

I am particularly interested in cerebral palsy and therapeutic handling, autistic spectrum and sensory processing disorders and adaptations and equipment developments.

Professional membership

HPC: OT34993

BAOT: BT0222971

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ALISON ESBACH

Specialism: Head Injury

Home base: Fareham, Hampshire

Qualifications: B. Sc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Current employment: I am currently employed as an independent Occupational Therapist specialising in brain injuries and vocational rehabilitation. I provide structured rehabilitation programmes to maximise optimal recovery, assist in personal injury claims, as well as provide occupational support to aid the individual's re-introduction into the work place.

I coordinate and monitor intervention programmes through joint working with private and NHS treatment providers. I conduct occupational assessments including work site assessments, vocational assessments and functional patient assessments as well as the provision of rehabilitative treatment to assist the individual with optimal facilitation into pre-injury activities including work.

I am skilled in the area of Brain Injury Rehabilitation and specific areas of clinical skills including the provision of treatment programmes such as cognitive rehabilitation, fatigue management, upper limb rehabilitation, planning & implementation of return-to-work (paid/unpaid) programmes, return-to-driving by liaising with specialist driving centres and development of activity programmes for the severely cognitively impaired client, and implementation of care packages. I have worked in a variety of community, primary care and acute hospital settings, as well as in the private sector.

Work history: I have provided a specialist service for patients with complex needs including those with catastrophic injuries and chronic pain conditions.

Special interest / expertise: Neurological / Brain injury conditions, including cognitive and behavioural problems, traumatic brain injury; work & vocational rehabilitation.

HPC: 32452 - Health Professions Council

BAOT: 227773 - British Association of Occupational Therapists

PHILIPPA FANCOURT

Specialism: Head injuries, physical disabilities

Home base: Buckinghamshire

Qualifications: BSc Hons OT (1997 – OT27274)

Current employment:

I am currently a Specialist Neurological Occupational Therapist working in a community Neurological Rehabilitation Team. This involves providing specialist assessment and treatment of clients with a variety of neurological problems in the community. It also involves assessing needs to determine future care requirements and ongoing rehabilitation. I identify the functional implications of the client's injury on their life and work with the client and carers to educate them and problem solve these issues to maximise their independence.

I also work in independent practice providing assessment and treatment for brain injured clients.

Work history:

I have worked with a variety of conditions including orthopaedics, neurological and mental health in both hospital and community settings, in Great Britain and South Africa. I have worked for the NHS since 1999 and recently moved into the private sector, practicing independently since 2005.

Special interest / expertise:

My main area of expertise is assessing the needs and rehabilitating clients with brain injury. I have worked on the Oxford Regional Group for the Specialist Section in Neurological Practice.

HPC: OT27274

BAOT: BT0211809

JANICE FARNDON

Specialism: Physical disability and amputees

Home base: Cornwall

Qualifications: A51 Specialist Practitioner – Practice Nursing (1998); SRN KCH (1980); PgDIP(Law) (2006); LLB(Hons) (2005)

Current employment

I lecture on legal aspects of nursing for health care professionals. I have considerable experience of assessment and care planning for clients with physical and psychological disabilities. I am a member of a team delivering care for clients with complex needs. These clients required one to one care for their personal needs and activities of daily living and are dependent on artificial means of ventilation and nutrition for basic life support. I was recently employed by the Ministry of Defence to manage a Naval Medical centre. Responsibilities included the welfare of naval personnel returning from deployment and the management of acute injuries sustained in the course of performing naval duties. I work as a practice nurse where I see the effect of chronic disability on the day to day life of the individual and their carers. I am currently studying for an MA in Medical Ethics and Law at Keele University.

Work history

My career spanning over 30 years commenced as a staff nurse in accident and emergency where I gained experience in acute traumatic injury, exacerbation of chronic disease, psychological crises, self-inflicted injuries and the effects of chronic drug and alcohol abuse. I spent five years nursing patients with general medical conditions and chronic diseases. Subsequently I moved into the field of practice nursing. From 2002-2008 I had a break from nursing to undertake the training required to qualify as a solicitor. I returned to full time clinical practice in 2009.

Special interest/expertise

Physical disabilities and amputees, and the connection between the law and clinical practice.

Professional Membership

NMC 77A3407E

RCN 282979

SRA 709779

NICOLA GALLAGHER

Specialism: Physical Disabilities, Palliative Care,
Mental Health (Dementia)

Home base: Cheshire

Qualifications: BSc (Honours) Occupational Therapy (1999), BA
(Honours) Humanities (1994)

Current employment

Since July 2008, I have been a Clinical Lead Occupational Therapist in a Complex Discharge Assessment Unit for Central Manchester and Manchester Children's University Hospitals NHS Trust. Immediately prior to this I worked as a Macmillan Occupational Therapist in palliative care.

This role involves developing a new specialist assessment service for patients with wide ranging complex physical and mental health problems and health and social care needs. Assessment, rehabilitation, and discharge planning is carried out with trials of recommended packages of care within the unit prior to discharge. Patients are monitored following discharge into the community to ensure that their care needs are being met.

Work history

Since qualifying in 1999 I have worked in a variety of physical and psychiatric clinical settings. I have worked for the NHS and Social Services departments. I have experience at a senior level of assessment and care planning for people who have physical disabilities, palliative care needs and dementia.

Special interest/expertise

I have a special interest in palliative care.

HPC: OT31043

BAOT: BT0215981

CATHERINE GITTINS

Specialism: Lower limb amputations, orthopaedics, fatal accidents/ loss of services, chest/cardiac conditions, oncology, neurology

Home base: West Midlands

Qualifications: BA (1980); PgDL (2003); Dip COT (1975)

Current employment:

I am senior Occupational Therapist at BMI The Priory Hospital, Birmingham with responsibility for the management and delivery of the occupational therapy service in an independent acute care setting.

I have a mixed caseload of orthopaedic, medical, neurological, cardiac and oncology patients, and my responsibilities include advising on and arranging care in preparation for discharge.

In addition, I run a pre-assessment clinic for patients undergoing elective orthopaedic surgery, including hip, knee, ankle and shoulder replacements. This allows me to identify any care, equipment or housing needs that may arise following surgery, and to work with the patient, his or her family, and service providers to ensure that those needs are met.

Work history:

Since qualifying in 1975 I have worked in a variety of clinical and independent living settings, and have been employed by the NHS, Social Services departments and in the private sector. I have extensive experience of assessment and care planning in the field of physical disability. I have been preparing independent expert reports for Jacqueline Webb & Co since 1994 and I have particular expertise in complex needs, lower limb amputations and loss of services.

Special interests / expertise:

PADI certified scuba diver.

Extensive travel experience.

Personal experience of caring for a relative with learning disabilities.

Mother of four children.

HPC: OT07564

BAOT: BT0040992

RACHEL GLENNY

Specialism: Pain conditions (complex regional pain syndrome, phantom limb pain), amputation, orthopaedics, stroke, arthritic conditions

Home base: Tonbridge, Kent

Qualification: MSc in Pain (2005), DipCOT (1970)

Current employment:

I am currently working as a freelance occupational therapist. I undertake work for disability charities, local authorities and private individuals planning and recommending housing adaptations, equipment and care to suit the special needs of people with a variety of physical difficulties. I write reports to assist the Courts with claims for compensation.

Work history:

I worked in Social Services Departments in Essex and Kent where I was responsible for making recommendations for equipment and housing adaptations to assist independent living and the care needed to enable disabled people to remain in their own homes. I have worked for the NHS, in units for the elderly and for young chronically disabled people, a short term psychiatric day hospital in Montreal, Canada, in the alcohol unit of the Bethlem Royal and at Chailey Heritage, a school for children with profound disabilities. I helped to set up and manage occupational therapy services in a private residential home. I have prepared reports for Jacqueline Webb & Co since 1993.

Special interests / expertise:

I am particularly interested in pain conditions especially phantom limb pain. I spent 2002-5 studying pain at Kings College London and completed a research project on people with lower limb amputations. I am also especially interested in investigating ways to extend choice and quality of life for those with limited mobility. I continue to follow developments in pain management.

HPC: OT04853

BAOT: BT0103335

JOANNA GOODWIN

Specialisms: Trauma and Orthopaedic Conditions, A&E, Spinal Injuries, Geriatric Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, Nursing Home settings, Case Management and Palliative Care

Home base: Manchester

Qualifications: MSc Advanced Practice (2008) Bolton University, 80 Masters Credits in Geriatric Medicine (2006) Keele University, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (1998) Salford University and BSc (Hons) Psychology (1993) University of Central Lancashire

Current employment:

I am presently employed by NHS Manchester as an Advanced Practitioner / Community Matron in a Nursing Home Case Management service.

Work history:

Since qualifying as an Occupational Therapist in 1998, I initially worked as a hospital based therapist covering specialisms of Geriatric Medicine, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Respiratory and Cardiothoracics, General Surgery and ENT. I then specialised in Emergency Care in A&E. I was particularly involved in safe discharge, Intermediate Care settings and provision of care packages to maximise function.

Working as an Advanced Practitioner, my role is to proactively manage resident's health, care and well being. This involves identifying complex care and equipment needs, providing specialist assessments and attending case conferences for funding decisions for NHS Continuing Healthcare and reducing the burden of care from GP practices. This role has given me experience of case managing individuals with dementia, kidney dialysis, artificial respiration and complex neurological conditions.

Previous work has involved working for the Spinal Injuries Association, meeting care needs for Spinally Injured individuals living independently in the community.

Special interest / expertise:

Long term conditions, care outside of hospital settings and Palliative Care.

HPC: OT28780

BAOT: BT0215103

SANDY GOWINGS

Specialism: General physical disability

Home base: Oxfordshire

Qualifications: DipCOT (1973); Diploma in Therapeutic Horticulture (1997); Certificate in Management Studies (1995)

Current employment: I am a Senior Practitioner Occupational Therapist. I have been preparing reports for Jacqueline Webb & Co as an independent rehabilitation cost consultant since 1998. Having just left my employment with Oxfordshire County Council I am planning to further develop my independent practice to include work with social services departments and charitable organisations.

Work history: From 1989 until 2009 I was employed as a Senior Practitioner Occupational Therapist with Oxfordshire County Council, Social and Community Services. My role was to assess the needs of individuals in conjunction with carers and other professionals, recommend service provisions to meet eligible needs, maximize independence and enable care packages to operate. The role required me to plan housing adaptations and liaise with housing providers, maintain an up-to-date knowledge of assistive equipment and provide professional supervision for team members.

I have a wide range of experience working as an occupational therapist in hospitals and community settings and have worked with physically disabled people and their carers in the community since 1986, including five years as a care manager. I also have experience of treating people with mental health problems. I participate in regular training events to update my knowledge and maintain my continuing professional development.

Special interest

Housing adaptations.

HPC: OT06221

BAOT: BT0219465

JAYNE GREBBY

Specialism: Generalist (spinal, orthopaedics, neurological, chest / cardiac / cancer)

Home base: North Yorkshire

Qualifications: MSc (1996), Pg Dip Back Care Management (2006 – Ref A274813), DipCOT (1986 – ref D/673/85)

Current employment:

I am an independent occupational therapist, undertaking work on a single case basis. I assess individuals with complex needs and make recommendations, including those for care, equipment and housing adaptations. I also educate carers and clients on techniques for coping with the impact of various injuries and conditions.

Work history:

Between qualifying and becoming an independent practitioner, I gained wide ranging experience working in the NHS. Since 1997 I have been involved in preparing reports for Jacqueline Webb & Co, whilst at the same time widening my experience further by working in community-based settings, which have included a residential care establishment, and individual clients' homes and work places. Referring agencies have included several specialist care agencies. I am experienced in the management of physical, cognitive and emotional problems arising from a wide range of traumatic and progressive conditions affecting adults. These include: spinal injury, orthopaedic and musculoskeletal injuries, amputation, acquired brain injury and progressive neurological disease.

Special interests / expertise:

Neurological conditions

HPC: OT14421

BAOT: BT0030051

AMANDA HACKETT

Specialism: Physical disability and amputees, palliative care, visual impairment, moving and handling.

Homebase: Surrey

Qualifications: BSc Occupational Therapy 1992
Diploma in Management Studies (DMS) 2006

Current employment

I work as a team leader occupational therapist within an NHS Trust hospital. As well as managing a team of occupational therapists, I carry a clinical case load of patients. I work with a variety of conditions and determine the care, equipment and environmental needs of physically impaired and palliative patients to enable safe discharge back into the community.

I have extensive experience of determining and recommending both long and short term care needs as well as environmental and equipment needs.

Work history

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1992 and have experience of working within the NHS and in social services as a care manager and occupational therapist. The majority of my experience has been within the NHS assessing the needs of physically disabled adults. I have worked in a variety of areas such as; Emergency care in A and E, medicine, respiratory and cardiac care, trauma and orthopaedics, surgery and elderly care, and neurology. From assessment I have identified the care and equipment needs to promote maximum safety and independence thus improving quality of life. I have also worked with physically disabled children assessing and recommending the long term environmental and equipment needs to enable improved independence when living at home.

As a care manager my responsibilities involved assessing, organising and maintaining care packages for physically disabled adults.

Special Interests / expertise

Palliative care and manual handling - recently attended a course on caring for the dying patient (June 2009).

Professional memberships

HPC - OT 21128

BAOT - BT0106244

The college of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Independent Practitioners

SHEENA HARDWICK

Specialism: Paediatrics

Homebase: Nottingham

Qualifications: BSC Hons Occupational Therapy 2:1

Current Employment

- Occupational Therapy Manager, Portland College.
- Independent Occupational Therapist.

My clinical case load includes young people with highly complex disabilities, including cerebral palsy, sensory integration disorders, learning disabilities and acquired brain injury. My role involves in-depth assessment care planning and intervention with the aim of maximizing independence for the successful transition into adult life.

Work History

Since qualifying in 1993 I have specialised in paediatrics working in the UK and USA within the NHS, social services, the schools system and in private practice. I have worked with children and young people from birth to aged 24.

My clinical expertise includes:

- In-depth understanding of the impact of disability on function for children and young people.
- Knowledge and assessment of specialist paediatric equipment.
- In-depth understanding of transition planning.
- Ability to work in partnership with children, young people and their families to promote their needs.
- Ability to identify care needs for young children and young people with complex disabilities.
- Training carers to support children and young people with complex disabilities.

Special interest/expertise

- Cerebral palsy.
- Sensory integration disorders.
- I have presented workshops at OT conferences.

HPC: OT21913

BA OT: BT0206798

JANE HOGG

Specialism: Brain injury, mental health

Homebase: Wiltshire

Qualifications: DipCOT (1982)

Current employment:

I am an independent case manager for a variety of adult clients, some needing a high level of care and support on an ongoing basis. For others, intervention is short term and aimed at dealing with immediate difficulties to enable my clients to take control of their lives again. I recruit and train carers and supervise care packages. I then monitor reassesses on a regular basis to ensure quality of care and that my clients many and varied needs are met.

I have considerable experience in preparing rehabilitation cost reports specialising in catastrophic injury for individuals who require a high level of support/care, and/or have cognitive and behavioural problems. I also assess individuals with mental health problems.

Work history:

I have extensive clinical experience gained through working with clients since 1982 both within the NHS and private practice. This has included working in psychiatric units, both in acute wards and in units specialising in behaviour modification, in day hospitals with the elderly mentally ill, the community and voluntary sector where I developed programmes for the assessment and treatment of clients at a Headway House.

Special interests / expertise:

Neurological conditions, mental health, cognitive and behavioural problems and traumatic brain injury.

HPC: OT 11603

BAOT: BT 0015392

BABICM: 0062

STEPHANIE HOPKINSON

Specialism: Orthopaedics, chronic pain syndrome, general medical conditions, neurology (strokes)

Home base: Cheshire

Qualifications: Dip COT (1986), BA (1983), Counselling Course (City and Guilds – 2002)

Current employment: Independent occupational therapist. I specialise in the assessment for equipment and packages of care designed to enable people to live independently in their own homes.

Work history: From 1986-1995 I worked in a variety of hospitals in the South Manchester area. I gained considerable experience in general medical conditions, neurology and wheelchair provision. In 1995 I started work at the Alexandra Private Hospital in Cheadle, Cheshire. Here I established and developed an Occupational Therapy Department and provided a specialised service in the areas of orthopaedics, neurology, spinal surgery, terminal illness and chronic pain management. When I left the hospital in 2002, I had contributed to the development of a highly regarded and successful occupational therapy service.

In January 2002 I joined Stockport NHS Foundation Trust where I became a Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist. I left the trust in May 2007 to develop an independent practice.

I therefore have considerable experience of working with a broad range of disabilities and dysfunction. My past experience has led me to be highly skilled in the assessment of daily living skills, the planning and implementation of treatment programmes, complex discharge planning and the recommendation of complex care packages.

Special interest / expertise: Chronic pain syndrome, having taught on a highly successful pain management programme.

HPC: OT14773

BAOT: BT0030841

JANE IRELAND

Specialism: Spinal injuries

Home base: Hampshire

Qualifications: DipCOT (1976); Institute of Health Services Management: Certificate in Managing Health Services: 1991; City and Guilds of London: Further Education Teachers' Certificate: 1984

Current employment:

I currently work as a private practitioner providing case management services for clients with spinal cord injury. I work with tetraplegic and paraplegic clients organising care regimes, assisting clients to plan and prepare for discharge from hospital and give support during the initial resettlement period. I also assist with the recruitment of care agencies, organise training and ongoing treatment as necessary and advise on the purchase of appropriate equipment.

Work history:

Initially I worked within the NHS in specialist rehabilitation and spinal injury units. In 1983 I was appointed as the first Head Occupational Therapist for the newly built Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre. This centre developed into a highly respected unit with a world-wide reputation. I have contributed to spinal injury text books and lectured widely on the role of the occupational therapist in the treatment of spinal injuries. I have experience of treating individuals with paraplegia and tetraplegia, complete and incomplete lesions. I also have experience of treating ventilator dependent clients in the acute hospital setting and in the community.

Special interests – member of:

Spinal Injuries Association

Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice (OTIP)

Multidisciplinary Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (MASCIP)

HPC: OT08147

BAOT: BT0009532

RACHEL JENKINS

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Warwickshire

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy 2:1

Current employment

I am a private practitioner occupational therapist providing case management to children and young adults with cerebral palsy and acquired head injury. My clinical caseload consists of individuals with complex needs requiring 24-hour care packages, complex equipment and purpose built accommodation. My clients' needs frequently require close liaison with statutory services and privately employed therapists. I have experience of recruiting support workers, setting up care packages and providing ongoing management and supervision.

Work history

Since qualifying, my past work history includes extensive experience of working in child development centres and special schools. Specific roles include working as a lead occupational therapist, managing occupational therapy input into a number of special schools for children with severe physical and learning disabilities.

Special interest/expertise

I successfully completed an intense eight-week training course on the assessment and treatment of children with cerebral palsy and associated neurological conditions. I have a particular interest in integrating children with disabilities into mainstream schools.

I have experience of attending case conferences, completing meetings of experts and giving evidence in relation to medico legal work.

Health Professions Council

- British Association of Occupational Therapists
- British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers
- The College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Children, Young People & Families

HPC: OT 23296

BAOT: BT 0208001

ROSEMARY JOHNSON

Specialism: Visual impairment, physical disability, especially of older people

Home base: Bristol

Qualifications: MSc (OT) – 1996, BSc (OT) – 1985, Post graduate diploma in Applied Ageing Studies - 2004

Current employment:

I am a Locality Lead Occupational Therapist working in an integrated health and social services community team for South Gloucestershire Social Services. I manage a locality team of occupational therapists, prioritising the allocation of referrals and supervising staff to ensure high quality assessment and interventions for service users with long term and complex needs. I retain a clinical caseload of service users with complex needs and advise on interventions for people with visual impairments. I am one of the manual handling advisors for the team and advise carers on procedures and resources needed to care for people with complex manual handling needs.

Work history:

I have wide ranging experience in hospital and community work. I worked in the NHS which included gaining unique experience at the Bristol Eye Hospital over a ten year period. I have extensive experience of a variety of medical conditions and spent four years managing a nationally recognised stroke and older people's rehabilitation unit at North Bristol NHS Trust. I also have experience doing stroke outreach work in the community. I lecture student OTs on visual impairment at a number of Universities.

Special interests / expertise

I am interested in older people, visual impairment in adults and children, dementia, manual handling and general medical conditions. I have published a section of a chapter on pain management.

HPC: OT 16174

BAOT: BT 0040808

SARAH KNOX

Specialism: Paediatrics, head injuries, physical disabilities

Home base: Leeds

Qualifications: DipCOT (1985 – OT14267); Moving and handling of patients course (1998 - University of Northumbria at Newcastle)

Current employment:

I work for the NHS as a specialist occupational therapist, primarily with children and young people. My caseload includes children and young people with complex long-term needs. My role includes assessing and advising on individual care needs at home and identifying the support needed within school in order for a child to achieve and access the national curriculum.

Work history:

My casework has involved carrying out detailed assessments on children and adults with a wide range of disabilities including neurological conditions, traumatic brain injury, spinal injuries and profound and multiple learning and physical disabilities. The main focus of this work has been to identify care needs and assess and make arrangements for the provision of specialised equipment and adaptations to property.

Special interests / expertise:

I completed an accredited moving and handling course in 1998 at the University of Northumbria at Newcastle and continue to have a special interest in this area.

HPC: OT14267

BAOT: BT0223018PM

BAOT Specialist section, children, young people and families: 1509

RACHEL LOVELAND

Specialism: Physical Disability & amputees

Home base: Norfolk

Qualifications: Diploma College of Occupational Therapists

Current employment:

I work as an independent practitioner. I currently carry out comprehensive assessments and provide recommendations for care, equipment and adaptation needs within an individual's home. I also prepare rehabilitation care/cost reports for Jacqueline Webb and Co.

Work history:

Since qualifying in 1992 I have worked as an Occupational Therapist for both the NHS and Social Services.

For 9 years I worked in hospital settings gaining extensive experience in the assessment, treatment and care planning for clients with a wide variety of disabilities & diagnoses including complex orthopaedic cases, spinal surgery, joint replacement, lower limb amputations, cardiac and respiratory conditions.

From 2002 to 2009 I worked as a Specialist Community Occupational Therapist for Social Services carrying out assessments and making recommendations for care, equipment and housing adaptations. I managed a clinical caseload of clients with a wide range of complex health, social and housing needs.

Since 2009 I have undertaken work as an independent occupational therapist.

Special interest / expertise:

Housing adaptations.

Orthopaedic conditions, especially joint replacements.

HPC: OT20731

BAOT: BT0106023

JOANNE MASON

Specialism: Acquired brain injuries

Home base: Gloucestershire

Qualifications: MSc Health Psychology (City University 1992-94),
DipCOT (London College of Occupational therapy 1976-79)

Current employment

I am a Senior Occupational Therapist working in an adult inpatient brain injury rehabilitation centre. The clients have complex neurological needs, including challenging behaviour.

I team lead the service of four occupational therapists and work closely with other members of the interdisciplinary team. As an occupational therapist in this setting, I treat the clients from admission to discharge and therefore have gained considerable experience in assessment and care planning.

Work history

I have extensive clinical experience gained through working in the NHS and the private sector as an occupational therapist for 29 years. In this time I have mostly assessed and treated patients with neurological problems. I have worked in acute hospital settings, in a hospital for neuro-disabilities, a specialist head injury team, a brain injury education setting and in a brain injury rehabilitation centre.

I have assessed and treated patients in their acute phase, including those minimally responsive, and have had the opportunity to carry out many community and vocational assessments, gaining experience of working closely with families and outside agencies to give detailed assessment and planning in setting up their packages of care.

Special interest/expertise

- Minimally responsiveness.
- Challenging behaviour and cognitive problems.
- Assessment of community and vocational functional activities.

HPC: OT09686

BAOT: BT0011919

JANET McCLEAN

Specialism: Brain Injury, Mental Health

Home base: Wiltshire

Qualifications: Dip COT (1976), Certificate in Health Education (1989)

Current employment:

I currently work as a case manager with Westcountry Case Management with whom I have worked since 2002. I provide case management for people with a long-term complex mix of brain injury and/or mental health problems. As a case manager I assess for and set up care packages and rehabilitation programmes. I support and educate family and carers and assist clients with strategies to minimise impairment and disability. I also provide a service offering occupational and motivational coaching to help a variety of clients achieve personal development goals.

Work history:

Qualified since 1976, I have extensive experience as clinician and manager in both hospital and community settings. I have worked for Social Services departments (including a year as acting County Occupational Therapist overseeing community occupational therapy services for disabled people in Devon) and mental health and physical rehabilitation in the NHS (including over three years as Clinical Service Manager for Rehabilitation in Mental Health Services in Salisbury).

Special interest / expertise:

Headway, I am an active committee member involved in developing a local Salisbury and District Headway to provide community resources for head injured people and their families/supporters. I have also trained in Motivational Interviewing, a motivational approach to resolving ambivalence.

HPC: OT08446

BAOT: BT0101015

CMSUK: CM-383-2007

COT-SS-Mental Health: MH1651

MOIRA McFARNON

Specialism: Paediatrics, children and adults with cerebral palsy, Erb's Palsy, developmental and neurological disorders

Home base: Bristol

Qualifications: DipCOT (1982), HNC in Public Administration (1976)

Current employment:

Since 1999 I have worked as a paediatric case manager and independent occupational therapist with Independent Living Solutions. My role involves responsibility for establishing, recruiting and managing employed care regimes in conjunction with parents and families. I also advise, organise and assist with trials and demonstrations of specialist equipment to ensure that the correct equipment is purchased. I have been writing reports on the cost implications of living with a disability for Jacqueline Webb & Co since the end of 1993.

Work history:

After training as a Hospital Administrator with the Greater Glasgow Health Board, I developed an interest in rehabilitation and subsequently qualified as an occupational therapist in 1982. I worked in several NHS hospitals with patients of all ages with acute and chronic physical disabilities, specialising in the field of neurology. From 1988 to 1993 I was employed as a Regional Advisory Occupational Therapist to the Spastics Society (now SCOPE). This was a unique experience in terms of developing specialist skills and knowledge relating to cerebral palsy and with all age groups. I was responsible for assessing the daily living and care needs of individuals in their own home, schools, workplace and residential care units, including the transition of individuals from residential care to independent living.

Special interests / expertise:

Children and adults with cerebral palsy, Erb's palsy, case management. I am a member of CMSUK.

HPC: OT11753

BAOT: BT15283

LISA McSPIRIT

Specialism: Head Injury, Paediatrics

Home base: Preston, Lancashire

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Current employment: I am a private practitioner occupational therapist and company director of an independent therapy company and a holistic child development franchise. My clinical caseload consists of intervention and assessment to a 7 bedded residential acquired brain injury unit, and comprehensive occupational therapy assessment and intervention to children with a multitude of diagnosis from the age of 0 – 19. Part of my role within the child development company is to provide education and training to parents and other professionals working in education and childcare on normal development encompassing communication, movement and play development.

I have considerable experience in assessment and care planning, with particular reference to adults who have experienced traumatic brain injury and children with acquired brain injury and neurological impairment, autistic spectrum disorders, sensory integrative and developmental co-ordination disorders, global developmental delay and multiple learning and physical disabilities.

Work history: I have extensive clinical experience gained through working in a variety of settings within the NHS and private practice. This has included acting as a clinical specialist occupational therapist over A + E and 12 general medical wards, a senior occupational therapist on an orthopaedic unit, cardiac rehabilitation ward, stroke and acquired brain injury unit, intensive care, an intermediate care team and a child development centre.

Special interest / expertise: I have successfully completed a Bobath training course on adult upper limb hemiplegia and posture analysis. I am currently studying at Masters level to become an advanced clinician in sensory integration. I have particular interest in working with adults who have experienced a traumatic brain injury and also children with a variety of disabilities.

HPC: OT34921

BAOT: BT0222988

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Dr RACHEL O'BRIEN

Specialism: Physical disability, hand injuries, lower limb amputation, fatal accidents

Home base: Derbyshire

Qualifications: PhD (2004), MSc (1996), Post graduate certificate in professional practice (adult learning qualification) (1996), Post graduate certificate in health care research (1992), Diploma College of Occupational Therapists (1988) (D/242/88)

Current employment:

I am a Senior Lecturer in occupational therapy and am responsible for the teaching of undergraduate and post graduate degrees including: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, MSc Occupational Therapy and MSc Vocational Rehabilitation. I am a member of the dissertation management group and also have responsibility for the personal students committee and administrative duties. My specialist interests include work related musculoskeletal disorders, physical dysfunction and research methods.

Work history:

I have extensive experience of working in hospital and community settings treating people with a variety of physical disabilities and complex needs. I have considerable experience of assessment and care planning, development of intervention programmes to meet individual need to restore function or improve independence, identifying equipment to improve daily living skills and providing training and advice to carers.

My PhD research area was Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders, specifically deQuervain's disease. Part of the research involved development and evaluation of a cognitive behavioural education programme for people with this condition. The effectiveness of the education programme was evaluated using a randomised controlled trial.

Special interests / expertise:

I have been awarded research funding through a Training Grant Award and a Health Services Research Fellowship.

HPC: OT16782

BAOT: BT213899

ZOË PANTER

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Devon

Qualifications: DipCOT (1986 – OT 15057); Certificate in Management Studies (CMS), Exeter

Current employment:

I am a Community Children's Occupational Therapist in a Joint-Agency Children with Special Needs Team in Devon. As part of my role I frequently undertake comprehensive assessment with children with special needs who have a wide variety of highly complex physical, medical, learning, social, psychological and emotional needs including those with degenerative and terminal conditions. An intrinsic part of my role is to assess and prescribe an extensive range of specialist equipment in children's home, school and respite environments. In addition, my work involves specifying necessary minor and major adaptation work to properties to promote independence and to enable children to be cared for safely at home. I commission and review a wide variety of care packages. I provide an outreach occupational therapy service to Sure Start.

I also work privately for Westcountry Case Management Ltd as a case manager. In this role I undertake individual client centred assessment, identifying aims and goals to meet needs, working as a facilitator to access appropriate resources, commissioning and monitoring multi-stranded packages of care, recruiting and training support workers.

Work history:

Since qualifying in 1986 I have worked for both the NHS and Devon County Council with adults, children and carers presenting with a wide range of medical and surgical conditions. I have wide ranging community experience having worked with children and adults in several areas within Devon. From 1995 I elected to work primarily with children and young people. Other tasks have included working as a practice supervisor occupational therapist managing a team of paediatric occupational therapists.

Special interests / expertise:

- Paediatric equipment, housing difficulties
- Member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists and of the Specialist section for Children, Young People and Families

HPC: OT15057

BAOT: BT0213657PM

SHARON PARRY-ASHLEY

Specialisms: Physical disability and amputees, palliative care

Home base: North Wales

Qualifications: Diploma College of Occupational Therapists

Current employment

I am an occupational therapist working within the North Wales Brain Injury Service. I have been an expert witness report writer with Jacqueline Webb & Co since 2008.

Work history

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1992. Over the past 16 years I have worked in hospital and community settings with considerable experience of assessment and implementation of care packages for people with predominantly physical disabilities. I have seven years experience within stroke rehabilitation and neurological conditions providing assessment, intervention and treatment. For five years I worked as a community occupational therapist and gained experience in multiple pathology, including joint replacement, amputees, palliative care, injuries due to falls, dementia, cardiac and respiratory conditions. I have experience in assessment of specialist equipment such as hoists and adaptations, complex manual handling assessments and care needs assessments, in preparation for discharge. Since October 2007, I have worked as an occupational therapist in the field of brain injury. I am a member of a specialist service working with children and adults who have suffered an acquired or traumatic brain injury.

Special interest/expertise

Neurology and brain injury

HPC: OT20742

BAOT: BT0106413

ANITA PASCOE

Specialism: Acquired Brain Injuries

Home base: Devon

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
(1997 ref no: 96-949025960)

Current employment:

I am currently a case manager for Westcountry case management. I retain a caseload of clients with complex brain injuries. My prime role is to assess needs and provide costs of care packages to meet them. I have set up and managed 24-hour care packages, including staff recruitment. I also take occupational therapy referrals for clients with brain injury requiring rehabilitation at home, where I address the functional difficulties experienced as a result of injury.

Work history:

Initially, I worked in various physical disability settings, including orthopaedics, surgery, elderly and neurological rehabilitation. After a period of voluntary work abroad, I worked for 5 years in an independent brain injury rehabilitation unit and became the senior therapist there. I then went on to work for the NHS in a community rehabilitation team, assessing and treating adults with physical disability. Alongside this I took on the case management of clients with acquired brain injury and have now left the NHS to work solely in the field of brain injury.

Special interests / expertise:

I am particularly interested in cognitive difficulties. I provide rehabilitation and support for adults and their families who experience the consequences of so called "hidden injuries" in their every day life.

HPC: OT27353

BAOT: 0213093

JEAN PHILLIPS

Specialism: Acquired brain injury, stroke, orthopaedics, palliative care and general medical conditions

Home base: Wiltshire

Qualifications: Accredited Expert Witness certificate (2006); CertEd in Further and Adult Education (2003); NEBSM certificate in Supervision and Management (2002); BHSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (1994)

Current employment:

I am a Senior Occupational Therapist within an intermediate care team in West Wiltshire and a specialist lecturer at the University of the West of England on their Occupational Therapy degree programme. I also work as a senior associate for Harrisons Training, teaching qualified therapists and support workers on nationwide courses. I have been a consultant and expert witness for Jacqueline Webb & Co Ltd for five years preparing reports for use in personal injury litigation.

Work history

I qualified as an occupational therapist in 1994 and have worked in a variety of physical settings including general medicine and surgery, orthopaedics (trauma and elective), palliative care and neurology. I have worked for acute trusts, community hospitals, intermediate care and in residential settings. I have also spent two years as a department manager, responsible for 16 staff.

My main area of expertise is within neurology and specifically acquired brain injury and stroke, in which I have more than ten years' specialist experience. I also continue to work with patients with a wide range of orthopaedic and general medical conditions within my intermediate care work however and have many years' experience of assessing clients with a variety of conditions and setting up care and equipment packages to maintain them in the community setting.

Special interests / expertise:

Teaching carers and relatives to cope with clients with brain injury or stroke. I also offer treatment sessions at a local therapeutic MS centre and have worked as an accredited bereavement counsellor for Cruse International with more than five years' experience.

HPC: OT 23453

BAOT: BT0207587PM

APPLE accredited fieldwork educator for students

REBECCA RODD

Specialism: Orthopaedics, medicine, general

Home base: Worcestershire

Qualifications: BSc Hons Combined Health Studies (1997), DipCOT (1991 OT 104377), Module, Level 3, 15 credits 'Intermediate Care' (2005)

Current employment:

I currently practice as a Senior Community Occupational Therapist, managing a clinical caseload of clients and their carers with a range of complex health, social and housing needs within their home environment and community setting. My role involves me in assessment, analysis and implementation of care plans, taking into account individuals' multi-factorial acute and/or chronic physical needs.

Work history:

Since qualifying in 1991 I have acquired extensive experience with in the NHS and private sector in variety of roles. My more recent posts have included that of Intermediate Care Senior OT involved in planning discharge packages of care from hospital and rehabilitation as well as equipment provision for a range of orthopaedic, neurological and medical client groups. Prior to this I was Head OT managing a department based in a 350 bed acute hospital. I also carried a clinical caseload of elective orthopaedic clients.

Prior to this I worked within the speciality of trauma and orthopaedics including elective and trauma related surgery as well as gaining experience in hand therapy.

Special interests / expertise:

I am an active member of and have given presentations for the British Association of Occupational Therapists Special Interest Group Trauma and Orthopaedics and for local training purposes. During the course of my work I have taken an interest in Health and Safety including infection control and I was a Unison Representative for several years.

HPC: OT19577

BAOT: BT104377

CARMEL RUANE

Specialism: Mental health, oncology, orthopaedics, visual impairment

Home base: Merseyside

Qualifications: DipCOT (1988); Certificate in Counselling 1995; Diploma in Counselling 1996

Current employment:

I currently work as an Occupational Therapy Specialist in Merseyside for South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. I am responsible for assessment, care planning and treatment of clients referred to an occupational therapy primary care mental health team. This includes clients who have physical or sensory impairment or who have experienced trauma or sexual abuse resulting in mental health problems such as depression, bipolar illness, anxiety and post traumatic stress disorder.

Work history:

Since qualifying I have gained extensive experience as an occupational therapist in the NHS, spanning inpatient and day care and community services. My role has focussed on individual treatment plans and co-ordination of care packages. In addition, I have seven years' experience developing and providing occupational therapy to a cancer unit, funded by the voluntary sector. This included the establishment of a Bereavement Support Service for adults and children. Since 1998 I have prepared rehabilitation care reports for Jacqueline Webb and Co.

Special interests / expertise:

- The impact of physical impairment on mental health
- Advising clients and carers regarding management of symptoms in order to achieve optimal functioning and assessing when care is required
- Pre-bereavement support for families and carers and supporting the terminally ill

HPC: OT16961

BAOT: BT0070027

MELINDA SILSON

Specialism: Hand Injuries, Head Injuries, Paediatrics, Physical Disability & Amputees, Spinal Injuries, Palliative Care

Home base: London

Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy)

Current employment

Acting Head Occupational Therapist at Nash College of Further Education, Independent Paediatric Occupational Therapist.

Work history

I have worked in community and independent paediatric settings in Australia and the UK. My experience has involved assessment, care planning and intervention in home, school and community environments for children with developmental, neurological, sensory and acquired disabilities.

I have many years experience in identifying specialist equipment, care packages, independence and social needs for children and devising programmes to develop specific skills to encourage educational and community integration.

My most recent position, at a residential college for young adults with learning and physical disabilities, involved in-depth assessment of students, training of staff and on-going monitoring of mild to complex care needs.

Since 2002 I have undertaken work as an Independent Occupational Therapist.

Special interest/expertise

Paediatrics.

HPC: OT36395

BAOT: BT 0233116

SARAH SMART

Specialism: Elderly, physical disability

Home base: Warwickshire

Qualifications: RGN, DMS, NEBOSH cert in Health and Safety, ENB 923.

Current employment

I have my own business, 'Customised Care', which firstly assists clients to find the "right" care home to meet their needs, by carrying out a full and thorough assessment followed by detailed research, and secondly working as a management consultant in care homes ensuring they meet the required standards in line with the Care Standards Act.

Work history

As a nurse advisor/inspector of care homes providing nursing, residential, Young Physically Disabled, dementia and Mental Health care I regularly reviewed assessments of individuals to ensure that the assessment had been carried out and recorded accurately, and that the facility was able to meet the individuals needs by providing the correct equipment and adequate staffing.

Prior to this as a nursing home manager, I was responsible for carrying out assessments of needs to ensure that the facilities, equipment, and staffing offered by my home would be appropriate to meet the individuals needs both in the short and long term. Such assessment were regularly reviewed to ensure their changing need continued to be met.

I qualified as a nurse in 1990, and have experience of work in both the NHS and private hospitals.

Special interest/expertise

elderly care, physical disability

NMC PIN: 87G1158E

RCN No: 821460

DEBORAH SMITH

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Berkshire

Qualifications: DipCOT (1990)

Current employment

I work for the Children's Services Directorate of a Local Authority as a Senior Practitioner Occupational Therapist. I have widespread experience in assessing and managing a caseload incorporating many complex disabilities. I am involved in the design of property adaptations, posture management for complex conditions, carer training and equipment provision. I am an experienced fieldwork educator for occupational therapy students. I enjoy working within a multi-disciplinary team setting.

Work history

I qualified as a State Registered Occupational Therapist in 1990 and since this time have worked across a number of settings within the NHS, Social Services and in industry. I have a solid foundation of experience working as a care manager with both adults and children in the fields of orthopaedics, neurology, and general medical and surgical care. I also have work experience in the field of elderly mental health. I have been in my current post since 2001 and as a Senior Practitioner have been involved in team development and cohesion, criterion setting and supervision.

My specialist skills include the following:

- Assessment and goal planning for maximum independence.
- Advising on implementation of care management.
- Positioning.
- Home adaptations.
- Planning and participating in the review of clients' needs.
- Supporting families and educating carers.

Special interest/expertise

I have completed the USC/WPS Sensory Integration Certificate #2876. I have also received training in Development Co-ordination Disorder in 2007 and Occupational Therapy for children with Handwriting Difficulties. I have an interest in managing posture in children with complex needs. I hold a People Handling and Risk Assessment Key Trainer's Certificate - this was issued by Edge Services in collaboration with the COT, and regularly hold training courses for parents and care staff in safe manual handling techniques.

HPC: OT18439

BAOT: 101504

HEIDI STANLEY

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Bristol

Qualifications: MSc Management 2007, BSc Occupational Therapy 2000

Current employment:

I currently work as an Advanced Occupational Therapy Practitioner in the NHS within the specialist field of Paediatrics.

Work history:

I have become a specialist in the area of Paediatric Occupational Therapy through gaining considerable experience of this client group in the key settings of Health, Education and Social Care. In this way, I understand the social and educational needs of the child, in addition to the impact of the child's health needs on their daily roles and activities. This has enabled me to develop a wide range of skills and expertise to meet the holistic needs of children who present with a variety of conditions and difficulties. I have a keen interest in carrying out assessments and my experience and expertise in this field, has enabled me to plan comprehensive and appropriate care packages following assessment. Within my employment in both the Health and Social Care settings, I have taken a lead role in carrying out the initial assessments for the team, identifying the care package and recording the information in a formal written report.

Special interest / expertise:

Neurological conditions, i.e. Cerebral Palsy, Acquired Brain Injury resulting from trauma or childhood stroke

Developmental Co-ordination Disorders

Autistic Spectrum Disorders

Neuro – muscular conditions

Assessments

Report writing

HPC: OT32336

BAOT: BT0218794

CHRISTINE STEVENS

Specialisms: Acquired head injury, neurological and orthopaedic conditions in children and adults.

Home base: Jersey, Channel Islands

Qualifications: Diploma in Occupational Therapy 1981

Current employment:

I work in a mainstream school providing therapy support to children with special needs. I also work in independent practice, assessing and co-ordinating the daily living and care needs of clients suffering from a disability or chronic illness.

Work history:

I have worked in a variety of hospital and community settings in both the United Kingdom and Jersey, assessing the needs of disabled/chronically ill adults and children. Consequently I have extensive experience of:

- Assessment and planning of intervention in terms of equipment and housing adaptations to facilitate independence and safety in the home environment.
- Planning of care needs in liaison with both statutory and private providers of care.

I have also worked in an advisory capacity providing an assessment and information service on:

- Equipment for disability to clients, carers and health care professionals.
- Driving following disability.

Special interest / expertise:

Adaptations to housing; access within the community; support to carers.

HPC: OT10830

BAOT: BT0104285

ALISON STONE

Specialisms: Orthopaedics (trauma and elective)
Long term medical conditions
Chronic pain/chronic fatigue
Falls management

Home base: Kent

Qualifications: 1998-2000 PG/DIP Occupational Therapy
1996-1997 BSc Hons 2:1 Adult Nursing
1993-1996 RGN DIP/HE

Current employment

I am a senior occupational therapist working on one orthopaedic and one surgical ward. I cover the falls clinic and work in the area of falls prevention in the community. I organize our department's journal club and am also responsible for supervising junior staff and students.

Work history

I have considerable experience in working with people, both in the hospital and community, with many different physical conditions. Some of the areas that I have worked in include medical, working with people who had conditions such as Parkinson's disease, rheumatoid arthritis and other long-term conditions. I have also worked in the wheelchair service, assessing clients and fitting wheelchairs to meet their needs.

I assisted in setting up the occupational therapy service in an accident and emergency department in one hospital. I am working closely with the social worker to provide immediate care packages and equipment to ensure a fast and safe discharge home without the need, where appropriate, for hospital admission.

Whilst working as a community occupational therapist I saw people with different neurological conditions such as motor neurone disease and multiple sclerosis. This involved assessing and providing comprehensive treatment plans, care packages and risk assessments for any equipment needed.

I have also experience in hand therapy and the making and fitting of splints for people with hand trauma.

Special interest/expertise

Orthopaedic trauma, including hands. Special interest in head injury.

HPC: O32521

BAOT: BT0219764

JOANNE TEAGUE

Specialisms: Physical disability, visual impairment

Home base: South Wales

Qualifications: DipCOT (1984)

Current practice:

I currently work as an independent practitioner with a varied caseload. I carry out assessments and provide recommendations for care, equipment and adaptation needs within an individual's home. I receive referrals from individuals, housing associations, charitable organisations and social services. In addition, I have, since 1996, prepared rehabilitation care/cost reports for Jacqueline Webb and Co. I also undertake mentoring of new care cost consultants.

Work history:

I have extensive experience gained working for both the NHS and Social Services. Initially, I worked at the John Radcliffe and Radcliffe Infirmary Hospitals (Oxford) in acute medical, orthopaedic and neurological settings. I have ten years experience of working for social services, visiting clients of all ages and with a wide range of physical and psychological impairments. I have also gained considerable experience of assessment and implementation of care packages and have provided assessments and advice for equipment, adaptations and other disability issues in an Independent Living Centre. I also have experience of workplace assessments.

Special interests / expertise:

- Cardiac /rehabilitation
- Loss of service reports

HPC: OT 13107

BAOT: BT 0205549

CHRISTINE WARDLE

Specialism: Paediatrics, spinal injury

Home base: Cheshire

Qualifications: MSc Health Practice 2004,
Diploma in Physiotherapy 1976,

Current employment

- Independent practitioner producing rehabilitation, care, equipment and physiotherapy reports, specialising in spinal injury and paediatrics.
- Independent physiotherapist treating children and adults with a range of developmental and acquired conditions, including head and spinal injury, cerebral palsy and Erbs Palsy.
- Moving and Handling Assessment and training.
- Hydrotherapy.

Work history

I am a physiotherapist with over twenty five years' experience of working with children and adults with physical and learning disabilities. I have worked within the NHS and independent sectors in a variety of clinical and managerial roles, treating children of all ages with developmental and acquired disabilities.

- I have provided reports to tribunals and to NHS Trusts regarding the level and type of physiotherapy provision required. I have given evidence at tribunals as an independent expert where the provision of physiotherapy was in dispute.
- I have extensive experience in the assessment of children with disabilities across the full spectrum of age and disability. I am able to comment on the likely short and long-term needs of the children.
- I have extensive experience of treating children in a hospital or community contexts in order to maximise their potential for physical development and for integration into their local community.

Personal experience

- For the last twenty years I have provided respite care in my own home to children and young adults with complex physical and learning disabilities. Most of these children have required full support for all their personal and social care needs on a twenty-four hour basis. This has given me an enormous insight into the care, equipment and therapy needs within the context of a family life.
- I have been married to a man with a spinal injury for thirty years; we have three children. As a result I have a great deal of experience dealing with the day-to-day issues surrounding life as a full-time wheelchair user.

HPC: PH22989

MCSP: 035568

LUCY WEECH (nee HICKOX)

Specialisms: Paediatrics

Home base: Hampshire

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) 2:1 Occupational Therapy
Post Grad Cert Posture Management for Complex Disabilities 1 (85% average)

Current employment: Since qualifying in August 2002, I have gained experience in a variety of settings in both the NHS and private sector culminating in my promotion to specialist paediatric occupational therapist at an independent and non-maintained special school. I hold a highly complex caseload of young people aged between 7 and 18 years with disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury and learning disabilities.

I strive to maximise the independence and quality of life for students, I have an in-depth and vast knowledge of equipment provision and prescription. Problem solving is fundamental in this role and I ensure that intervention is holistic and am highly skilled in tailoring care packages to each individual need.

Work history:

- Experience of working with families and carers for caring for children with complex needs.
- Extensive experience of specialist equipment for children with special needs.
- Supporting families and educating carers.
- In-depth assessment of posture management for complex disabilities
- In-depth assessment and prescription of care needs for children with complex disabilities.

Special interest / expertise:

Time spent at the wheelchair service built the foundations for my special interest in posture management which led me to the I have successfully completed a Post Graduate Certificate in the Posture Management for People with Complex Disabilities. I have delivered training on the twenty-four hour posture management of people with complex disabilities to carers and therapists.

HPC: 35415

BAOT: BT0221697

COT OTIPSS: 1536

DONNA WELLS

Specialism: Paediatrics

Home base: Essex

Qualifications: Nightingale Institute – Registered general nursing (1992-1995)
Kingston University – RN Child (1998)

Anglia Ruskin University – Community Specialist Practice Degree (CCN) (2006)

Current employment: I am a motivated children's nurse, with extensive experience since 1995. My career path has led me to work in most fields of paediatrics (acute medical, acute surgical, oncology and infectious diseases, A+E and community). My expertise predominantly lies in the community, working with neonates with special needs and children who have had cerebral palsy or physical/developmental/feeding problems since birth or as a result of an injury or medical condition. I work closely with the child and family to determine the need for care and equipment and liaise with multi-disciplinary services to write a plan of care to empower the family to care for the child at home. I am proficient in identifying specialist equipment, assisting with care packages and investigating social and recreational needs of children. My recommendations are always supported with current statistics and research.

I am competent in both written and verbal communication, with experience in case conferences and multi-disciplinary meetings. My aim is to advocate for the family and suggest the care and equipment that is required to provide the child with the quality of life that was expected or experienced prior to the medical event/accident.

Work history: Since 2006, community and hospital experience working with children and young people with:

Cerebral palsy; Birth asphyxia +/- medical negligence; Degenerative conditions; Global developmental delay as a result of a medical condition or accident; Physical disabilities; Congenital Conditions and Syndromes; Minor and major accidental injury; Pressure area injury; Paralysis; Oncology conditions.

Since 2001, community experience working with children who may require trained or un-trained carers at home; my assessments provide rationale for such carers. My years of experience as a community children's nurse empowers me to work autonomously to assess the nursing needs of a child and provide research based care. I am able to assess social and educational delay and refer to appropriate agencies/support networks. I am competent in conducting risk assessments to establish safety of equipment and care within the home environment.

Experienced in assessing the need for equipment for children with medical problems, ordering equipment or referring to appropriate agency for further assessment, (such as housing adaptation). Competent in report writing including medico legal reports.

Good communication skills, which enable me to empathise with the clients' situation.

Computer skills including Office 2007, Power Point, System One.

Special interest / expertise: Prem babies, 0-18yrs with nursing need, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, wound care.

NMC : 92Y1575E

RCN: 1125570

DENISE WINKS

Specialism: Physical disability, terminal illness, bladder and bowel injury/continence, manual handling. learning disability.

Home base: North Worcestershire

Qualifications: Dip COT 1981

Current experience / role:

- Independent OT practitioner with a wide range of recent experience with patients with a variety of physical conditions including learning disability, head injury, oncology, neurological conditions, spinal injury, amputees, complex orthopaedic cases, spinal surgery and joint replacement.
- Experience of treating patients who have had complications from MRSA infection.
- Experience in rehabilitation of older persons who have undergone orthopaedic procedures or suffered trauma.
- Skilled at making thorough assessments of client's needs and enabling them to return to maximum independence.
- I have set up an occupational therapy service with a private hospital.
- Familiar with working within NHS, Social services and private settings.
- Regular training in manual handling.
- Sound knowledge of a wide range of equipment and services including housing adaptations. Experience of working alongside architects.
- Experience of working in close collaboration with physiotherapists in a multidisciplinary team.
- Experienced in role as care co-ordinator/case manager to enable safe discharge home from hospital and assisting in implementation of care packages.
- Personal experience of setting up and monitoring a care package for a close relative.
- Personal ongoing experience of a chronic and painful medical condition.

Work history:

2009 Private contract with Herefordshire PCT to carry out community OT assessments.

Since July 2006 Working on a consultancy basis with Jacqueline Webb & Co and independent practice OT work.

2000 - 2008 Independent OT working primarily for the BMI group of hospitals.

1988 - 1998 Community OT for the Worcestershire Community Health Trust (Senior 1), Worcester Royal Infirmary – (Senior 1) Elderly Care Ward.

1981-1988 Positions at:- NHS stroke unit, Social Services community, inpatient psychiatric hospital.

Special interests / expertise:

- Inclusive Design Adviser for the civic trust scheme.
- French speaker.
- Qualification in Homoeopathy.
- Qualified as manual handling trainer.
- Completed university module in continence care.

HPC: OT10808

BAOT: BT 0228011



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