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Profile

I am an independent Occupational Therapist (OT) and case manager and I qualified as an OT in 1996. I specialise in vocational rehabilitation, case management and complex neurological rehabilitation; this includes home and workplace assessments, identification and co-ordination of multi-disciplinary rehabilitation, OT treatment and provision of adaptive equipment.

I provide OT assessment, treatment and case management to clients with a wide variety of physical injuries including multiple fractures, amputations and head/brain and spinal injuries. I use a holistic approach within my OT intervention to consider client needs within a bio-psycho-social framework. I endeavour to use evidence-based best practice, in a cost-effective and timely way.

Clinical skills / experience

- Assessment and clinical OT treatment for adult clients with wide-ranging physical (and associated psychological) conditions. Experience of vocational rehabilitation both as an independent practitioner and within health and social care settings.
- Experienced in working with clients with head/brain injuries, orthopaedic injuries, back and other spinal injuries (including multiple fractures and neurological impairments) and upper/lower limb injuries. I have also worked with clients with amputations.
- Clients have been from a variety of vocational backgrounds, including professional, skilled, semi-skilled and manual work and have included both employed and self-employed people.
- Provision and co-ordination of physical rehabilitation, pain management strategies and psychological support.
- Sourcing and arranging retraining and work placements.
- Use of assistive technology in the home and workplace.
- Specialist expertise in neurological rehabilitation including head injuries and other acquired neurological conditions, and progressive neurological conditions. Provision of cognitive rehabilitation.
- Wide experience of treating patients with complex social and psychiatric histories, and of varied educational attainment. Experience of working with patients from varied ethnic/cultural backgrounds, including those with limited English.
- Close liaison work with other involved healthcare professionals including consultant surgeons and physicians, general medical practitioners, allied health professionals, social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists and disability employment advisers.

Managerial skills/experience

- Previous Deputy Head OT of District General Hospital and Acting Head OT for 32 OT staff.
- Managed and prepared business plans and budgets for OT department. Managed resource/service mix during cost improvement programmes. Planned and managed service improvements.
- Managed team of 15 senior OT staff within OT Department, including recruitment, motivation, team-building, mentoring/coaching, appraisal, case allocation, in-service training and staff development.
- Worked with internal and external agencies to promote "best practice" in stroke unit.

Career summary

2013 - present

Member of Independence Works - a network of independent Occupational Therapists.

2005 - present

Occupational Therapist in Independent Practice (self-employed)

Independent occupational therapist specialising in vocational rehabilitation and case management for clients with complex, wide-ranging physical conditions. Work with a variety of customers - Insurers, Solicitors, Employers, private clients, charities.

October 2005 - January 2007

Rehabilitation Cost Consultant, (self-employed)

Jacqueline Webb and Co, Salisbury alongside NHS employment.

1996 - 2005

Queen's Hospital, Burton on Trent (General District Hospital in Staffordshire)

Variety of posts held including:

- Advanced Practitioner OT - Community Resettlement and Reablement Team August 2007 – August 2008. Management of complex and varied caseload, including neurological conditions, brain injury, limb amputations, general medical and surgical conditions, orthopaedic conditions and mental health problems.
- Project Manager – stroke services (2007). Secondment to benchmark service delivery in line with the best practice guidelines.
- Acting Head Occupational Therapist (maternity leave cover) (2006-2007) – all service areas (including Medicine and Surgery, Elderly Care, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Hand Injuries, Palliative Care, Stroke and Neurological rehabilitation, Rapid Response to A & E and Community Resettlement)
- Deputy Head (3) Occupational Therapist (2005-2006) – all service areas (including Medicine and Surgery, Elderly Care, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Hand Injuries, Palliative Care, Stroke and Neurological rehabilitation, Rapid Response to A & E and Community Resettlement).
- Senior 1 Occupational Therapist (2001-2005), Neurology, Medicine and Surgery in and out-patients.
- Senior 2 Occupational Therapist (1998-2001), Neurology Out-Patients, including work resettlement.
- Basic Grade Occupational Therapist (1996-1998), (6 month Physical Rotation) Rotation included Trauma and Orthopaedics, Medicine, Neurology and Surgery and Elderly Care.

1996

City General Hospital, Stoke on Trent

Basic Grade Occupational Therapist

Qualifications and continuing professional development

Qualifications:

- UK Functional Capacity Evaluation (Obair and Matheson) 2011
- Post-Registration Developments in the Occupational Therapy Management of Neurological Conditions, University College Northampton (May 1999-April 2000)
- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy St. Andrew's School of Occupational Therapy, Nene College, Northampton (1996)

Continuing professional development, including:

- Mandatory training – safeguarding, fire, infection control etc 2018
- Adaptations and equipment study day, Yorkshire, May 2018
- Society of Occupational Medicine – study session on Chronic Pain, May 2018, Derby
- Headfirst National Brain Injury Conference 2016 and 2017, London
- CMSUK Study day - 2014 - Maximising the statutory funding pot"
- CMSUK study days - 2013 - "Who Owns Case Management" and "Benefit and Welfare Reform Updates"
- Regular peer review of vocational rehabilitation work with Independence Works members
- National Brain Injury Conference 2013
- Head Injury study day – vestibular problems 2013
- Use of Ultrasound in fracture healing - 2012
- First Aid At work – 2012
- Work Matters on-line course (BOAT course) - 2012
- Regional special interest group training days – 2011 and 2012
- Vocational Rehabilitation and the Model of Human Occupation (May 2008)
- Moving and handling – Trainer accreditation (March 2008)
- Training (5 days) for medico-legal consultancy work with Jacqueline Webb and Co (2005 – 2006)
- Accredited Risk Assessor (March 2005) Burton Hospitals NHS Trust
- Clinical Responsibility (February 2005) Bond Solon
- Leadership at the Point of Care (June 2004) Modernisation Agency Leadership Centre
- Health Care Records on Trial (July 2000) Bond Solon

Registrations and memberships

- The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- The Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Independent Practice
- College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Work
- Vocational Rehabilitation Association
- Society of Occupational Medicine