

Susan Lewis

Case Manager

Independent Occupational Therapist

Profile

A highly experienced and skilled occupational therapist and case manager, Susan specialises in the rehabilitation of clients following complex orthopaedic injuries and works with both children and adults to ensure that they achieve the best possible outcomes.

Specialisms

- Musculo-skeletal / orthopaedics
- Hand injury
- Amputations - upper limb / lower limb
- Mental health
- Vocational rehabilitation / worksite assessments

Ages covered

- Adult
- Paediatric

Biography

Susan is based in Belfast, graduated in 2002 and has extensive clinical and managerial experience within occupational therapy and multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams, working within the NHS and independent sectors.

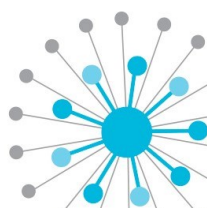
She has worked with clients from a diverse range of socio-economic, cultural and educational backgrounds, with a vast range of conditions.

Susan has a special interest in musculo-skeletal injury, amputation, visual impairment and the psychological impact of trauma.

She is highly skilled at assessing functional capacity and overcoming the physical, psychological, social and environmental obstacles that impact upon an individual's occupational performance, health and well-being.

Susan is also skilled in working with children with both physical and psychological injuries, and in collaborating with parents, schools, early years support and rehabilitation services.

She has personal experience of working with the range of services involved in children's health; including acute paediatric medical services, allied health professionals, nurseries, schools and health visiting services.



Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Legal Science, Queen's University, Belfast, 2015
- BSc Honours in Occupational Therapy, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, 2002

Memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Case Management Society UK (CMSUK)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Independent Practice
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section - Work

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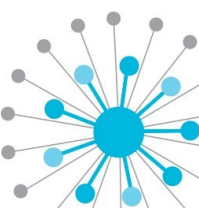
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Clinical skills and experience

- Extensive clinical experience of working within the NHS and independent sectors.
- Special interest in musculo-skeletal injury, amputation, visual impairment and the psychological impact of trauma.
- Master's degree in law, with research.
- Specialist skills in enabling clients to return to work following illness and injury.
- Highly experienced in ergonomic and environmental modification and adaptation.
- Experienced in professional supervision and multidisciplinary team management.
- Skilled in working with children with both physical and psychological injuries.
- Advanced skills in report writing, budget management and the implementation of quality initiatives.
- Committed to continuing professional development - full details of recent training are available on request.
- Client and solicitor feedback/testimonials are available on request.



Career history - private sector

Independent Occupational Therapist & Case Manager - Independence Works Ltd 2017 - present

- Delivering rehabilitation for clients who have suffered multi-factorial personal injury.
- Carrying out comprehensive needs assessments and tailoring holistic rehabilitation plans aimed at restoring independence, work-readiness and well-being.
- Formulation of succinct and comprehensive rehabilitation plans and formal reports.

Independent Occupational Therapist & Case Manager – SL Healthcare Services Limited 2017 - present

- Director of own case management company, accepting referrals from solicitors and insurance companies.

Career history - statutory sector

**Independent Occupational Therapist and Assessment and Liaison Practitioner,
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust** 2016 - 2017

- Assessment and coordination of medical, care and rehabilitation needs for patients with a range of diagnoses, in order to facilitate their transition from acute hospital settings to community and primary care settings.

Intermediate Care Coordinator and Senior Manager, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust 2009 - 2016

- Rehabilitation and intermediate care service lead.
- Line management and supervision of a large multi-disciplinary team.
- Coordination of patient discharge from hospital to community, residential and inpatient rehabilitation settings throughout Northern Ireland.

Senior Occupational Therapist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust 2006 - 2009

- Rehabilitation service coordination and delivery within a community multidisciplinary team, aimed at restoring independence and facilitating early hospital discharge.
- Assessing and treating patients within the area of trauma and orthopaedics, neurology, medicine and surgery and mental health.
- Review and implementation of quality and clinical governance measures.

**Senior Occupational Therapist, Northern Ireland Regional Cancer Centre,
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust** 2004 - 2006

- Lead in setting up and delivery an occupational therapy service for the oncology, haematology and haemophilia out-patient clinic within the Bridgewater Suite of the Northern Ireland Regional Cancer Centre, Belfast.

**Rotational Basic Grade Occupational Therapist, Belfast City Hospital
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust** 2002 - 2004

- Assessment and treatment of patients within the areas of amputations and orthopaedics, stroke, mental health, oncology, and brain injury.
- Wheelchair and ambulation training post-amputation in collaboration with the regional disability service, Belfast.

