Jennifer Price

Case Manager
Independent Occupational Therapist



Profile

Jennifer is based in South/Mid Wales and is a highly experienced and skilled occupational therapist/case manager.

She specialises in the rehabilitation of clients with traumatic brain injury, complex orthopaedic injuries and with those experiencing psychological trauma as well as long-term neuro-developmental, mental health and physical conditions.

Specialisms

- Traumatic and acquired brain injury
- Mental health (PTSD)
- Neurodevelopmental and long-term conditions
- Musculo-skeletal/orthopaedics
- Ayres Sensory Integration (ASI)
- Vocational rehabilitation

Ages covered

- Adult
- Children

Biography

Jennifer has gained extensive experience in trauma and elective orthopaedics, acute medical care and long-term medical care, surgical, palliative care, hand therapy and neurology. She specialises in mental health, acquired brain jury, neurodevelopmental disorders and sensory integration. Having worked in hospital and community-based settings across the NHS, social services and the independent sector, she is able to communicate effectively across all services to deliver a client's rehabilitation and to ensure their care needs are met.

Through her work in neurology and mental health, Jennifer has developed a key understanding of the effects of fatigue, trauma and pain on therapy outcomes and the importance of measuring quality of life throughout the rehabilitation process.

She manages a wide-ranging caseload and offers an individually tailored and client-centred approach to a client's rehabilitation and recovery, recognising the importance of a comprehensive assessment to guide goals and intervention plans, regularly reviewing to ensure progress is being made and to recognise when progress has reached its end point.

Jennifer is well-practised in completing a wide range of specialist assessments, detailed goal plans and in writing comprehensive reports. She has experience in the management of occupational therapy services and is a skilled case manager. She is a clinical supervisor and has been referred to through RCOT supervision services and is also involved in mentoring third year OT students from Cardiff University.

Jennifer has experience of working with families, NHS care co-ordinators, solicitors, the Mental Health Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) personnel and has been involved in many risk and capacity assessments.

She is trained in Ayres Sensory Integration, including children's, and has also achieved her level 1 training in sensory attachment interventions. She has worked with older children and young adults with ASD and ADHD, with and without developmental difficulties and subsequent mental health concerns, to help them return to activities of daily living, leisure and education.

Jennifer has an excellent understanding of children's educational needs and good working knowledge of the ALN Act 2018, which sets out the new statutory support system in Wales for children and young people with special needs.

Qualifications

 BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, Welsh College of Medicine, Cardiff 2004

Memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section -Independent Practice
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section -Neurological Practice
- National Autistic Society

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Clinical skills and experience

- Wide-ranging experience working with adults with complex injuries including acquired and traumatic brain injury, orthopaedic injury, psychological and long-term mental health, neurodevelopmental and physical conditions.
- Working as a treating occupational therapist using a clientcentred approach to assess and identify client treatment priorities and agree SMART goals.
- Extensive knowledge of the specialist and environmental equipment available to support individuals to live and work as independently as possible within their home environments and workplaces.
- Practiced in developing individual functional skill training programs to help redevelop and re-learn ADL based skills.
- Highly skilled in fatigue and anxiety management, social, communication and interaction skills, and emotional regulation therapy programs.
- Assessment and delivery of Ayres Sensory Integration (ASI).
- Proven skills in vocational assessment and rehabilitation to support a wide range of clients in returning to work or alternative vocational positions.
- Experienced in developing vocational pathways to support clients in long-term hospital care into paid employment by using a graded step by step approach.
- Extensive experience of collaborative working and in using effective problem-solving skills, as well as of managing staff.
- Skilled and experienced in managing a step down intensive mental health rehabilitation unit.
- Expert provision of occupational therapy student education mentoring and qualified clinical supervision.
- Very good effective working knowledge of the Mental Health Act, Mental Health Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards and risk assessments.
- Very strong communication skills when working with commissioners and legal representatives and a detailed understanding of rehabilitation within the litigation context.
- 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

2021 - present

- Delivering case management to adults suffering from complex orthopaedic injuries and the psychological effects of trauma with long term conditions (mental or physical) by formulating and implementing appropriate rehabilitation treatment plans.
- Performing all aspects of commissioning rehabilitation services, specialist medical, therapy and psychology while supporting clients with returning to functional, work or a more suitable working roles and leisure activities using functional and vocational rehabilitation skills.
- Completing comprehensive rehabilitation assessment and update reports incorporating SMART goals.
- Collaborating with all involved to ensure rehabilitation recommendations are met to enable progress and recovery.

Independent Occupational Therapist, (Associate to The OT Centre)

2017 - present

- Carrying out assessments and interventions with clients in the community with acquired or traumatic brain injury, multiple injuries and subsequent psychological effects, and neurodevelopmental conditions, providing sensory integration as required.
- Advising on provision of specialist equipment, aids and minor adaptations.
- Completing comprehensive reports for case managers, solicitors and client/ family.
- Involved in multidisciplinary teams and collaborating with education establishments.

Career history - statutory sector

Clinical Lead and Head OT, Mental Health Rehabilitation, Ty Gwyn Hall, Abergavenny

2009 - present

- Part-time at hospital and linked in community care homes external clinical supervisor to OTs on other sites.
- Operational management of the OT service (including all staff) and step-down rehab unit.
- Clinical caseload includes clients with co-occurring mental health conditions such as acquired and traumatic brain injury, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and mild learning difficulties. Also working with the physical long-term conditions often associated with this client group and subsequent self-harming behaviours.
- Delivery of on-site clinical and client specific training, and assessment of equipment provision.
- Involvement and clinical contribution to best interest meetings under the Mental Health Capacity Act.
- Development and leadership of the vocational rehabilitation pathway to get clients back into work.
- Collaborative working with families, commissioners, care co-ordinators, advocates and solicitors to support a client's rehabilitation and recovery needs.

Senior Community Occupational Therapist, Torfaen County Borough Council

2006 - 2009

- Involved working in client's own homes, residential/nursing homes, supported living and inpatient wards
- Client caseload consisted of long-term conditions including neurological, cerebral palsy, acquired and traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, spinal injury and palliative care.

OT, Great Western Hospital / Community Placements Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust 2004 - 2006

 Rotational post covering medical, surgical, community rehabilitation, hand therapy, trauma and elective orthopaedics.