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## Professional Qualifications

Diploma of Occupational Therapy – Cardiff 1988  
Bachelor of Science - Huddersfield 1994  
Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy - Exeter 1998

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## Memberships

British Association of Occupational Therapists  
Health Care Professionals Council – Reg No OT 16893  
Advanced member of British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) – Reg No 0017  
Case Management Society UK – Reg No 13-1251-CM  
Court of Protection Practitioners Association (CoPPA)

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## Professional experience

Louise graduated from Cardiff in 1988 and completed her elective placement in North America. In 1990 she began working at Pinderfields Hospital in neurological medicine, gaining considerable experience in acute neurological care and inpatient neurological rehabilitation. In 1994 she started as a senior Occupational Therapist at The Priory, Highbank, working for four years as a member of the interdisciplinary team that provides inpatient rehabilitation for adults with acquired brain injury. She became lead Occupational Therapist in 1998 completing her Masters' degree in Occupational Therapy. Joining the senior management team in 2000, Louise had responsibility for the transitional living service providing inpatient and outreach rehabilitation. Louise was the founder of A Chance for Life Ltd in 2002, while continuing to provide community neuro-rehabilitation. Consulting in 2003, she developed Lancashire and Cumbria's pathway for acquired brain injury rehabilitation. Since 2005 Louise has been working full time as a Case Manager and more recently, has begun writing expert witness reports. Louise is an active member of North Cumbria Headway and a committee member of the Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum (NABIF).

She has experience in the following:

- Establishing complex care packages in the community
- Louise is an appointed Welfare Deputy
- Support Worker recruitment and employment
- House adaptation and equipment provision

## Summary of Continued Professional Development attended in the last 5 years

Nov 2014	CMSUK Annual Conference
Oct 2014	Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum Annual Conference
Apr 2014	Innovations in Rehabilitation
Mar 2014	Tenth World conquers on Brain Injury
Sep 2013	Court of Protection Practitioners Association Annual Conference
Jul 2013	Managing Complex Neurological Injuries through Rehabilitation and Litigation
Jun 2013	BABICM annual conference
Mar 2013	BABICM business forum
Nov 2012	Trust Ed conference
Jun 2012	BABICM annual conference
Mar 2012	Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury
Oct 2011	BABICM –Working with risk workshop
Sep 2011	Bond Solon Civil Law and Procedure
Jun 2011	Bond Solon Cross Examination Day
Mar 2011	Child Brain Injury Trust
Dec 2010	Bond Solon Excellence in Written Evidence
Dec 2010	Bond Solon Witness Familiarisation
Apr 2010	Brain Injury Social Work Conference

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## Career Positions

Mar 2005 – current	A Chance for Life Ltd.	Director & Case Manager
Feb 2003 – Mar 2005	Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust	Acquired Brain Injury Pathway Project Manager
	A Chance for Life Ltd	Director & Case Manager
Jul 2002 – Aug 2003	Tameside and Glossop PCT community	Senior Occupational Therapist
	A Chance for Life Ltd	Director & Case Manager
2000 – Jun 2002	Neuro-rehabilitation team, Highbank Rehabilitation Centre	Manager of Transitional Living Service and member of the senior management team
Jun 1998 – 2000	Highbank Rehabilitation Centre	Lead Occupational Therapist
Mar 1994 – May 1998	Highbank Rehabilitation Centre	Senior Occupational Therapist
Dec 1990 - Feb 1994	Pinderfields Hospital Wakefield	Senior Occupational Therapist
Oct 1990 – Nov 1990	North Manchester General	Locum Senior Two Occupational Therapist
Oct 1989 – Jul 1990	Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia	Senior Occupational Therapist
Sept 1989 - Oct 1989	Glenfield Hospital, Leicester	Locum Senior Two Occupational Therapist
Oct 1988 - Sept 1989	Leicester General Hospital	Basic Grade Occupational Therapist