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Professional Qualifications

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

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 (CMSUK) – Reg No 13-1251-CM
Court of Protection Practitioners Association (CoPPA)
Member of British Association of Occupational Therapists in Independent Practice

Professional experience

I graduated from Cardiff in 1988 and completed an elective placement in North America. In 1990 I began working at Pinderfields Hospital in Neurological Medicine, gaining considerable experience in acute neurological care and inpatient neurological rehabilitation. In 1994 I 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. I became Lead Occupational Therapist in 1998 completing a Masters' degree in Occupational Therapy. Joining the senior management team in 2000, I had responsibility for the transitional living service providing inpatient and outreach rehabilitation. I set up A Chance for Life Ltd in 2002, providing Complex Case Management and Rehabilitation and the provision of specialist support services for children and adults in their own homes. In 2003, I developed Lancashire and Cumbria's pathway for acquired brain injury rehabilitation. Since 2005 I have been working full time as a Case Manager, Care Expert and Director of A Chance for Life Ltd. I am an active member of North Cumbria Headway and a committee member of the Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum (NABIF). In June 2018 I was co-opted to join the BABICM Council (British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers).

I have experience in the following areas:

- Complex Needs Assessments and Risk Assessments
- Inpatient and Community Rehabilitation Care Packages
- Establishing complex care packages in the community
- Support Worker recruitment, training and employment
- House adaptation and equipment provision
- Care Expert Reports
- Facilitation of patient discharge to the community

Summary of Continued Professional Development attended in the last 5 years

January 2019	Level 2 Safeguarding Workshop
January 2019	Joint Study Day: RCOT Specialist Section – Independent Practice
November 2018	CMSUK Conference
November 2018	Expert Witness Conference
June 2018	BABICM Annual Conference – Money, Money, Money and How To Spend It
October 2017	BIRT Conference 2017 – Pioneering Approaches, Research and Practice
January 2016	CARF – Performance Management Systems
May 2016	APIL annual conference
June 2016	BABICM Conference - China In Our Hands
September 2016	Headway Conference – Invisibly Different
October 2016	COTSS-IP Annual Conference – Expanding Horizons

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
Jul 2002 – Aug 2003	Tameside and Glossop PCT community	Senior Occupational Therapist
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