

# Christine Robson

Senior Case Manager &  
Specialist Occupational Therapist

Based in: Newcastle upon Tyne

Area covered: North East



## Profile

Christine has worked as a case manager and occupational therapist with A Chance for Life Ltd for nearly 5 years, managing a mixed caseload of adults and children with a wide range of complex injuries and needs. She draws on extensive clinical experience to ensure that the rehabilitation and support her clients receive is holistic and tailored to meet their individual needs.

Christine has a strong interest in a range of complex conditions including brain injury, profound and multiple learning disabilities, sensory processing difficulties, orthopaedics, mental health, cardio/respiratory and amputation.

Christine has a wealth of experience of managing and working with support teams and team leaders and working with a wider multidisciplinary team, making sure rehabilitation packages run smoothly for clients so they can reach their full potential in daily life.

She works in a range of different settings in addition to her clients' homes, including special educational needs schools, rehabilitation centres and in a range of community settings to facilitate clients to engage in social, educational, leisure and vocational activities.

Christine has specialist qualifications in sensory integration therapy and has a particular interest in how this therapy can be used for people with acquired brain injury and neurodevelopmental conditions.



## Areas of expertise

Children, adults and older adults  
Acquired brain injury  
Cerebral palsy  
Complex orthopaedic injury and amputations  
Mental health conditions  
Epilepsy  
Sensory impairment  
Learning disability  
Stroke  
Dementia  
Neurodevelopmental disorders  
Chronic fatigue syndrome  
Complex medical conditions

Sensory integration  
Challenging behaviour  
SEN / EHCP  
Benefits and appeals  
Securing statutory funding  
Group work  
Relaxation therapy  
24 hour postural management  
Vocational rehabilitation

## Qualifications

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, 2006  
Apple Accredited Clinical Educator in Occupational Therapy, 2011  
DWP Clinical Assessor qualification, 2014 and Auditor and Clinical Support Lead qualification, 2015  
Positive Behavioural Support Trainer 2018  
Postgraduate Certificate, Sensory Integration Therapy, 2019  
Postgraduate Advanced Diploma, Sensory Integration Therapy, 2021

## Memberships & registrations

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)  
British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM)  
– Advanced practitioner member  
Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)  
Sensory Integration Network

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# Professional Experience

## **Jan 2024 – present      Senior Case Manager and Specialist Occupational Therapist, A Chance for Life Ltd**

Christine's case management experience, BABICM advanced practitioner status and contribution to the high standards of clinical practice at A Chance for Life are recognised in her new title 'Senior Case Manager'.

## **Apr 2019 – Dec 2023      Case Manager and Specialist Occupational Therapist, A Chance for Life Ltd**

### **2017 – 2019      Senior Occupational Therapist, Northern Counties School, Percy Hedley Foundation**

Percy Hedley Foundation is a SEN school for students with neurological and developmental conditions including autistic spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder, cerebral palsy, sensory impairments and profound and multiple learning disabilities. Christine provided individual, tailored occupational therapy interventions for students' age 9-19 years old, working within a wider MDT. She also worked with community health care professionals and charities to provide seamless care for students transitioning to other services.

Christine worked with students both 1:1 and in group settings and used life skill activities to facilitate social engagement and functional independence. She also supported post-16 students to achieve life skills challenge certificates in shopping and cooking as part of their ASDAN work.

Whilst at Percy Hedley, Christine began her sensory integration training. She also trained to apply positive behavioural support techniques and was a member of the positive behavioural support team at the school.

### **2017 – 2019      Support Worker (part time), UK Case Management Services**

Christine supported a teenage girl with acquired brain injury to engage in meaningful activities such as horse riding, swimming, cinema and bowling. She supported her client with goals including keeping fit and healthy, stranger danger awareness, money management and maintaining good personal hygiene. This role gave Christine insight into the physical, psychological, social and emotional impact brain injury has on both clients and their families.

### **2014 – 2017      Clinical Support Lead, Auditor & Disability assessor, Department of Work and Pensions**

Christine undertook face to face functional assessments with clients requiring a personal independence assessment. She reviewed medical information from a range of different health professionals and combined this with her clinical knowledge to produce an accurate report of the client's condition.

In 2016, she progressed to a clinical support lead role and auditor, overseeing a team of health professionals in Newcastle, giving clinical advice, monitoring the quality of assessment reports and delivering in house training.

### **2011 – 2014      Senior Occupational Therapist, NHS / Social Services Enablement Team**

Working in the community, providing rehabilitation to clients being discharged from hospital and resolving situations where clients were going into crisis in the community. Christine worked closely with families and care providers to ensure that all parties were engaged in the care process and they felt competent in the using new equipment, moving and handling techniques and to carry out new care routines.

### **2010 – 2011      Senior Occupational Therapist, Liverpool out of Hospital Service**

Christine facilitated timely hospital discharge for patients with a range of health problems including heart and respiratory conditions, orthopaedic trauma, dementia, falls and acute infections. She undertook comprehensive assessments, set rehabilitation goals, provided 1:1 therapy in the home, assessed for equipment and adaptations and carried out regular reviews to evaluate patient progress.

### **2010-2011      Private Occupational Therapist, Access Independent (part time)**

Providing private OT assessments and writing detailed reports for Housing Associations, The Ministry of Defence, Charities and Social Services. Working with patients who had a wide range of chronic illnesses including Mental Health conditions, COPD, amputation and brain and spinal injuries. She assessed clients for larger housing adaptations such as level access showers, ramps, stair lifts and ceiling track hoists.

### **2006 – 2011      Early career**

Working in a variety of setting including falls prevention, intermediate care, orthopaedics, social services, general medicine, elective and trauma orthopaedics at Hexham General Hospital.

Prior to starting university, Christine was a personal assistant working with a case managed client with spinal cord injury.

Christine's recent training record is available on request.