



Olivia Dornie

Owl Barn Programme Manager
& Occupational Therapist

Based in: Cumbria

Areas of expertise

Adults & older adults
Acquired brain injury
Spinal cord injury
Complex orthopaedic injury
Amputations
Mental health conditions
Stroke
Complex medical needs
Cognitive rehabilitation
Upper limb therapy
Managing group programmes
Posture and pressure relief
Wheelchair assessment
Housing adaptations
Complex moving and handling (including safe use of appropriate equipment)

Qualifications

MA (undergrad.) Psychology, 2009
MSc Occupational Therapy, 2017
Multiprofessional Support of Learning and Assessment in Practice, 2019

Memberships & registrations

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
British Association of Occupational Therapy (BAOT)
British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM)

Profile

Olivia is an experienced Occupational Therapist, who specialises in working with people with neurological conditions. Since 2020, she has worked as a case manager and specialist occupational therapist with A Chance for Life Ltd, developing her neurological expertise and experience of working in the medico-legal world.

Olivia is encouraging and empathetic, with a passion for devising creative and meaningful rehabilitation programmes that engage her clients as they work towards their goals.

She has a strong belief in the value of the outdoors in rehabilitation, incorporating the calming and inspiring benefits of being in nature with functional activities such as horticulture or working with animals, which is a particular personal interest of hers.

Olivia approaches her rehabilitation programmes with a scientific mind, exploring the evidence base, employing her working knowledge of a wide range of outcome measures and setting meaningful, measurable goals.

In her role as Programme Manager for Owl Barn, Olivia is responsible for assessing, devising and delivering therapeutic recreation programmes to individuals and groups, working with adults and children, families and professional, clinical and support teams.



Professional Experience

Professional Pathway

A Chance for Life Ltd - Case Manager and Occupational Therapist

Olivia joined A Chance for Life Ltd in 2020, quickly developing a reputation with clients and professionals as an empathetic clinician, who thrives on delivering creative, client-centred, cost-effective interventions, providing high quality care whilst promoting goal achievement. In this role, Olivia made a huge positive difference to the lives of the clients she has worked with. Some of her proudest achievements include;

Engaging a client with ABI who had disengaged from OT and CM. Olivia developed a good therapeutic relationship with her client and introduced a varied and meaningful therapy program. The MDT transformed the client's experience of rehabilitation, achieving positive outcomes for the client and the litigation claim.

Supporting a client with a spinal cord injury to significantly improve his upper limb functioning using Functional Electrical Stimulation as well as other therapeutic techniques. The therapy sessions were client centred and meaningful to him, leading to increased independence in his daily life.

Supporting a client with extremely complex physical and medical needs to go on holiday with his family, ensuring all aspects of the holiday were considered and planned for.

Wheelchair Services and Prosthetics

Olivia led wheelchair and pressure relief clinics, prescribing bespoke manual and powered wheelchairs and pressure relief cushions in outpatient and community settings. She also worked in Prosthetics, providing pre- and post-surgery support, rehabilitation and planning complex discharge of patients whose level of functioning had often changed significantly.

Acute Stroke and Neuro-Rehabilitation

Olivia provided thorough OT assessment and evidence-based interventions, supporting clients to be able to carry out their everyday occupations. She facilitated complex discharges from hospital.

Acute Wards

Olivia was based on the acute surgical wards, where she was responsible for carrying out the OT process from screening referrals through to facilitating timely and safe discharges, ensuring patient care was her main priority, whilst remaining mindful of the need for patient flow.

Early Employment

Following her Psychology degree in 2009, Olivia worked as a Nursing Assistant in Stroke Rehabilitation. She was responsible for the daily care of patients including personal care, toileting and gaining experience of complex moving and handling.

Olivia also worked at children's activity centres where she delivered group sessions aimed at promoting the personal development of children. She delivered educational sessions which focused on developing problem solving and teamwork skills.

Olivia's recent training record is available on request.