



A Chance
for life

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Qualifications

Registered General Nurse

Grad Certificate Asthma Education

Memberships

Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) PIN 05D02140

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) No: 2268023

British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) - 3915

Summary

I have been a registered nurse since 2003 and am registered to practice in the UK and Australia. Through my career, I have gained extensive experience in critical care (ITU, coronary care, HDU and stroke) as well as experience in general medical, acute medical units, DVT/PE clinics. I have many years of experience working with patients and families affected by critical and acute injuries in rural locations including stabilising clients with a range of orthopaedic and neurological conditions, including spinal injuries, before transferring to the larger Sydney hospitals. More recently, in the UK, I have worked as a nursing manager for an agency recruiting qualified nurses and support staff to support delivery of services in hospitals nationwide. I have undertaken functional assessments for the Department of Work and Pensions across a range of disabilities and illnesses including neurological and mental health diagnoses. Most recently I have worked as a Forensic Nurse Practitioner in the custody setting where I worked with clients, custody staff, solicitors and families to assess mental capacity and ensure the health and wellbeing of clients.

Previous clinical experience:

I have worked with patients in clinical, community, office and custody settings.

I have had varied caseloads of clinical/functional assessments and provided holistic care as dictated by client need.

I always work proactively and collaboratively with multi-disciplinary teams to provide the best care for my clients.

I have provided statements to the courts in relation to clients in my care.

I am qualified to take blood samples and administer medications safely.

I am proud to provide a high level of personal care to clients including wound care management.

All my practice is evidence based to provide the highest quality of safe care to my clients.

I have leadership skills including managing staff, complaints handling and undertaking and performance appraisals.

I have extensive experience with recruitment and the associated compliance requirements for working health and social care environments.

I actively seek to maintain and update my practice through regular engagement in Continuing Professional Development.

Current position:

I joined A Chance for Life Ltd in 2018 and was appointed Nurse Case Manager where I draw on my extensive experience in clinical and leadership roles. I am currently the nurse case manager for an adult and paediatric ABI clients. My current role includes:

Carrying out assessments, preparing case management reports and costs.
Sourcing therapists and coordinating multi-disciplinary teams and rehabilitation programmes.
Working alongside education teams and statutory services.
Recruiting, managing and supervising support staff, including 24-hour teams.
Working alongside litigation solicitors and financial deputies within the medicolegal field.
Working with clients who are both pre and post litigation.
Managing a case load of clients and working collaboratively with clients and their families to tailor support and rehabilitation programmes that meet complex individual needs.
Developing and delivering Medication Administration Training designed to address the specific challenges faced by support staff when administering medicines in clients' homes.
I advise clinical and support teams on matters relating to nursing management and care, particularly for clients with complex medical and health needs or those who have additional supporting devices, such as medication pumps or ventilatory support.

Key achievements:

I supported a middle-aged man, who sustained a significant spinal injury requiring ventilatory support, and his family, during his prolonged stay in the regional hospital before he could be flown to the specialist spinal unit in Sydney.

Whilst performing functional assessments for the DWP I was exposed to a number of clients with varied conditions, including young children with cerebral palsy and complex needs, and clients with chronic stable spinal injuries. I was able to provide support to empower the clients to have more independence and autonomy.

I have coordinated with OT's to assess requirements of adaptations within the home to provide greater independence for clients in their home environment.

I have worked with detained persons with a history of substance misuse, in the custody setting, and helped to co-ordinate linking them to the drug worker's program to promote recovery and the possibility of them continuing to live in their community.

Professional Pathway

Early Career

Qualified as a nurse in 2003 in Australia. Worked as a Staff Nurse in ITU, coronary care, HDU and stroke. Since moving back to the UK in 2010 I have worked in ITU, general wards, AMU, DVT/PE clinics, functional assessments for the DWP and forensic nurse practitioner in the custody setting.

Continued Professional Development:

- 2018 Moving and Handling Working with People
Safeguarding Adults and Children & MCA Basic Awareness
Understanding & Working with People who have Acquired Brain Injury
Level 3 Train the Trainer - Medication
Foundation Course in the Custody setting
Completed online training and ILS
1-day NMC Revalidation Conference in London

- 2019 BABICM New and Would Be Case Managers Workshop
The Pitfalls and Possibilities in Child Brain Injury Litigation
Epilepsy and Buccal Training
Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work
Safeguarding Level 2
UKABIF North West & North Wales Acquired Brain Injury Forum

- 2020 Disclosure Dilemmas: Not for the Faint Hearted