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Professional Qualifications

Advanced Diploma in Nursing (Child Branch) 2002
BSc in Integrated Care (2017)

Memberships

NMC Registered – PIN 9917393E
Unison
British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) – 6576
Case Management Society UK (CMSUK)
Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum (MABIF)

Summary

I qualified in 2002 as a Paediatric Nurse working on a busy paediatric medical ward in the North East. This role involved caring for a wide range of paediatric medical conditions including children with neurological impairment, spinal injuries, tracheostomies, cerebral palsy, seizures and other life limiting conditions. I worked closely with the patients and their families to plan care and plan for their future discharge ensuring a holistic approach was catered for. In 2008, I developed and progressed to Paediatric Intensive Care where I worked for 8 years as a Staff Nurse and Acting Sister. During this time, I cared for children that required both high dependency nursing and intensive care for medical, surgical, neurological, spinal, traumatic, orthopaedic conditions. The various client conditions included a mixture of new acquired injuries and long-standing life changing injuries. With an empathetic approach to quality patient care and healthcare, it was paramount for me to encourage the participation of both patients and their families in developing care plans which would provide the best patient outcomes and quality of life. My role heavily involved liaising with a wide range of health care professionals such as physiotherapists, dieticians, community nurses, OT's, educational leads, play therapists, social services to provide bespoke and comprehensive care packages for my clients.

Since working as a Case Manager for A Chance for Life Ltd, I have attended numerous and very relevant training courses, seminars and conferences and I am already building a caseload of client's who have sustained life changing injuries and who are navigating their rehabilitation and litigation journey with my support. I am working as part of a team around the client, to ensure they reach their rehabilitation potential by co-ordinating support packages, therapists and communicating with the medico-legal team at all levels whilst also supporting the client's family.

Current position

I recently joined A Chance for Life Ltd as a Nurse Case Manager. I draw on my experience to fulfil the following duties:

- Carry out assessments, prepare Case Management reports and costs.
- Source therapists, and coordinate multi-disciplinary teams and rehabilitation programmes.
- Work alongside education teams and statutory services.
- Work alongside litigation solicitors and financial deputies within the medico-legal field.
- Work with Clients who are both pre- and post- litigation.
- Work collaboratively with Clients and their families to tailor support and rehabilitation programmes to meet individual complex needs.

Clinical Experience

- Paediatric nursing of General Medical, High Dependency and Intensive Care Conditions.
- Tracheostomies, Gastrostomies, Catheters, Central Lines,
- Invasive and Non-invasive Ventilation/ Life Support
- Manual Handling, Pressure Area Care, Infection Control, Safe Guarding Awareness
- Various Medical Equipment Experience
- Multidisciplinary Team Meetings and Discharge Planning Meetings
- Named Nurse for Long Term Patients Co-ordinating Care Alongside Medical Team
- Community Care Work
- Complex Medication Calculation/ Administration
- High Standards of Hands on Clinical Care with Compassion and Empathy to Patient and Family.
- End of life/ Palliative Care Support
- Experience of Setting up, Training and Support Community Care Packages from the Hospital Setting.

Professional Pathway

- 1999-2002 Teesside University, Student Nurse
- 2002-2008 Children's Ward, The James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
- 2008-2016 Paediatric Intensive Care, The James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
- 2016-2016 Paediatric Specialist Nurse for Thornbury Community Nursing Services (ad-hoc shifts)
- 2016-2020 Clinical Nurse Advisor and Trainer for pressure area care equipment and other medical devices.

Continued Professional Development:

- Introduction to Paediatric Case Management (CMSUK)

- Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act Awareness training
- Paediatric Case Management (CMSUK)
- Managing and Improving Your Catastrophic Injury Cases (EMG Solicitors)
- Steps Rehabilitation, Getting Clients Home (STEPS)
- First Aid Training (ACFL)
- Medication Training (ACFL)
- Acquired Brain Injury (ACFL)
- Rehabilitation Support, The Harsh and The Heartwarming Realities (ACFL)
- Paediatric Practice in a Pandemic
- Fatigue (ACFL)