



Stephanie James

Associate Case Manager &
Occupational Therapist

Based in: Warrington

Areas of expertise

Children, adults and older adults
Acquired brain injury
Cerebral palsy
Mental health conditions
Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness
Epilepsy
Sensory impairment
Stroke

Challenging behaviour
SEN / EHCP
Forensic cases

Qualifications

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, 2003

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)



Profile

Steph is a highly skilled clinician, bringing 20 years' experience as an occupational therapist and 8 years as a case manager to her role as an associate case manager and occupational therapist with A Chance for Life Ltd.

Steph specialises in working with adults and children with complex needs and conditions, in particular brain injury and neurological conditions.

She is adept at working with clients and their families to understand their needs and situation, establish clear goals and develop and deliver appropriate rehabilitation plans. She has a keen focus on helping her clients regain and develop the skills they need in day-to-day life and increase their independence.

Steph is a good communicator and understands the need to adapt her approach to different situations. She has experience navigating complex personal and family situations with her clients, works well as part of a wider MDT and is an effective and reliable advocate for her clients when needed.

Steph's experience and skills as a case manager are demonstrated by her attaining advanced practitioner status with BABICM in 2023.

Outside A Chance for Life Ltd, Steph is an experienced expert witness, providing Care and Occupational Therapy reports for the Court. This experience benefits her clinical practice, broadening her experience and understanding of the medico-legal process.

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Professional Experience

Jul 2024 – Associate Case Manager and Occupational Therapist, A Chance for Life Ltd

2019 – present Associate Expert Witness, Jacqueline Webb Associates
Providing Care and Occupational Therapy expert reports for adults with head injury and neurological conditions.

2016 – 2024 Associate Case Manager, Independent Living Solutions
Provided case management to adults and children with complex needs.

Jun – Dec 2018 Senior Occupational Therapist (Maternity Cover), Salford Royal Infirmary
Provided maternity leave cover within the early stroke discharge unit, completing assessments with people who had just been discharged home and working towards their goals to increase their independence.

2014 – 2021 Associate Occupational Therapist
Worked for two companies with clients that had a neurological disorder, in their own homes. This included a range of conditions from spinal injuries to long-standing head injuries and newly acquired traumatic brain injuries with treatments ranging from physical rehabilitation to cognitive techniques. These clients were referred either by the NHS or from private sources.

2017 – 2018 Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist, Priory Highbank, Walmersley Unit
Lead clinician for Occupational Therapy within this unit, working with clients who ranged from being in a prolonged disorder of consciousness to more able clients working towards discharge home. This work includes assessment and treatment of both physical and cognitive deficits. Steph worked as part of an interdisciplinary team, including case managers, to ensure the best outcome for the clients at the unit.

2012 – 2017 Manual Handling Co-coordinator, Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
Responsible for leading and developing the Trust's moving and handling framework, to ensure effective safe and modern techniques were practiced across all services. This role incorporated taking responsibility for maintaining up to date knowledge of national policy relating to manual handling and ensuring appropriate implementation. This role also involved supporting continual improvement of the management of medical devices by liaising with various partners internally and externally to the Trust.

2011 – 2014 Senior Occupational Therapist, The Alexandria BMI Hospital
Supported the main Occupational Therapy team by working at weekends as a lone OT within the hospital, working through a list of assessments and treatments that were required. This work was mainly orthopaedic, however Steph was asked to regularly review any neuro patients that the OT team were treating.

2010 – 2012 Band 7 Neuro Specialist Occupational Therapist, Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
Worked alongside another band 7, sharing both the management and clinical leads for the inpatient team. Managed the day to day running of team as well as the clinical development. Held a complex clinical caseload including acute spinal injury and provided practical teachings to enable the staff to deliver a specialist service. Whilst in post, the service was reviewed to ensure that it was streamlined and working in the most efficient manner. This included setting up a rehabilitation waiting list to enable the team to prioritise the acute patients from those awaiting rehabilitation. Steph assisted with developing bite size teachings and in-service teachings for the department as well as a splinting course alongside the physiotherapists.

Steph's recent training record is available on request.