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PROFILE

Debbie is a HCPC registered Occupational Therapist with extensive clinical, academic, leadership and managerial experience in the NHS and education sectors. She qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1985 and has worked across a broad spectrum of clinical specialities providing occupational therapy assessment and rehabilitation for children, young people and adults, who have experienced trauma, including brain injury and cerebral palsy, disability, illness and needs relating to end of life care, in a variety of acute, inpatient, community and home settings.

Debbie has also worked in higher education and has contributed to research, text book and journal publications. She has presented at national conferences in the UK, and has lectured internationally. She gained a Masters in Independent Practice (Health). Debbie's management and leadership skills were rated as exemplary in an NHS Leadership Academy 360° assessment. As an NHS Service Manager her interests have focussed on quality, service development and transformation and staff wellbeing within multi-disciplinary and multi-agency contexts. Debbie's professional background of clinical, academic, leadership and managerial experience demonstrates depth and breadth of knowledge and skills in healthcare services.

Debbie has undertaken comprehensive legal training and has a solid understanding of her duties to the Court pursuant to CPR Part 35 and understands the competencies required of her. She is very experienced in presenting a clear rationale for her opinion and is robust when presenting verbal evidence in conferences and Joint Discussions.

RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Diploma College of Occupational Therapists
- MA Independent Practice (Health)
- Extensive knowledge of health and care services in-patient, rehabilitation, education, community and home settings

RELEVANT SKILLS/ SPECIALISM

- Clinical assessment of functional ability and participation in self-care, productivity, work and leisure occupations
- Advanced communication skills
- Environmental assessment and adaptations
- Report writing
- Risk Assessment
- Care needs assessment
- Specialist equipment needs
- Comprehensive clinical experience of children and adults who have experienced trauma, disability and illness, including neurological and orthopaedic trauma and disorders, birth trauma, general medical conditions, palliative and end of life care.
- CPR Part 35 Expert Witness Legal Training.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020 – date Fiona Johnson Limited, Expert Witness
 2013 - date Service Management/ Professional Lead Occupational Therapy Specialist Children's Services NHS Trust
 2007 - 2013 Senior Lecturer Occupational Therapy York St John University
 2004 – 2007 Macmillan Occupational Therapist Palliative Care Team NHS Trust
 1996 – 2004 Senior Occupational Therapist Community Resource Team Adult Learning Disabilities
 1993 - 2000 Tutor GNVQ Health and Social Care
 1985 - 1993 Basic Grade and Senior Occupational Therapy posts in: out-patients/ hand therapy/ trauma, burns and plastic surgery/ neuro surgery and neuro rehabilitation, surgical and medical inpatient settings

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- British Association of Occupational Therapists
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Fellow Higher Education Academy