

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFILE

Gail is an experienced HCPC registered Occupational Therapist with extensive clinical and management experience working in surgery, medicine, paediatrics and rehabilitation both in acute and community settings. Gail has worked in the NHS and private settings both in the UK and overseas; she has also delivered training and seminars to therapists and solicitors in the UK and abroad. Gail has particular knowledge and expertise in working with adults and children with severe and complex disabilities and more specifically, those who require long-term management of their needs including mobility, pressure care and postural care. Gail also accepts cases in orthopaedics, amputation and disability associated to trauma and pain.

Gail is an experienced expert witness having commenced her practice in 2010. She accepts instructions from Solicitors acting for both Claimants and Defendants in both the UK and overseas. Gail 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, Joint Discussions and at Court.

### RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- BSc Occupational Therapy (1994)
- Post Graduate Certificate “Postural Management for People With Complex Disabilities” (2005)
- MSc Skin Integrity Skills and Treatment (2015)
- An in-depth knowledge and experience of health care, including management of personnel and delivery of services with in rehabilitation, paediatrics and wheelchair services.
- Working closely with other professionals and services in ensuring the best outcome for clients.

### RELEVANT SKILLS/SPECIALISM

- Clinical Assessment of adults/children with complex illness and disability including head injury, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy orthopaedic issues and disability associated to pain.
- Report writing
- Problem solving
- Skilled in carrying out detailed postural assessments and in interpreting results in order to apply appropriate intervention.
- CPR Part 35 Expert Witness Legal Training

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

#### **Wheelchair and Posture Management Solutions 2009 - present**

Gail is the Director of WPMS Ltd and offers assessment of children and adults with movement and postural difficulties associated to severe and complex disability including CP, ABI and SCI. Recommendations are made for interventions in all areas of postural care, wheelchairs and seating.

#### **Expert Witness – Fiona Johnson Ltd January 2015 - present**

Gail is a highly experienced expert witness with a particular interest in catastrophic injuries resulting in complex disabilities in both adults and children. Her in depth clinical knowledge and experience provides her with the skills to complete a detailed assessment and evidence-based opinion in a range of clinical areas. Gail has undertaken cases involving metal on metal hip prosthesis litigation.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Expert Witness	Bush and Co Rehabilitation	2010 - 2015
Clinical Manager	Stockport PCT – Wheelchair Service	2007 - 2012
Senior OT (Paediatrics)	Central Lancashire PCT	2006 - 2007
Seating Consultant	The Spastic Centre of NSW	2005 - 2006
Senior OT	Bury and Rochdale Wheelchair Service	2003 - 2005
Senior OT (Paediatrics)	Hyndburn and Ribble Valley PCT	2003 - 2004
Wheelchair Therapist	Seating to Go, Tauranga, NZ	2002 - 2003
Senior OT (Locum)	Variety of hospital and community settings	1994 - 2002

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)  
Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)