

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### PROFILE

Katie Charlwood is a qualified occupational therapist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council since 2000. Since qualifying, Katie has worked in a variety of health and social care settings. During her career, she has gained extensive experience in the assessment and management of young people and adults with a variety of physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory impairments arising from a wide range of traumatic and progressive conditions.

Katie has been involved in arranging the provision of major adaptations, specialist equipment, and assistive technology to enable people with disabilities to live at home as independently as possible. She has a great deal of experience in implementing complex packages of care and recruiting and providing support to both agency and privately employed care staff. She has particular skills in assessing clients with communication disorders and has a working knowledge of alternative forms of communication. Katie is also experienced in assessing, supporting, and training carers. She has extensive experience of working closely with patients and their families, coordinating rehabilitation and discharges, and accessing community and social services. She has an in-depth working knowledge of the voluntary sector and other statutory funding streams and their eligibility criteria. Katie has a wealth of experience and expertise within the field of mental capacity and has held the role of lead professional in many capacity assessments and best interest decisions. She is regularly commissioned to provide housing reports for social landlords and to run mobility assessment clinics.

Katie is an experienced expert witness having commenced her practice in 2013. She accepts instructions from Solicitors acting for both Claimants and Defendants. Katie 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, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- BSC Occupational Therapy
- Post-graduate studies in Cancer Care at the Royal Marsden Hospital
- Post-graduate studies in social care interventions at the University of Hertfordshire.
- Trained in the prescription of specialist seating
- Experience of implementing complex care packages including recruitment of care staff
- CPR Part 35 Expert Witness Legal Training
- In depth knowledge and experience in the assessment and management of complex conditions including cerebral palsy, brain injury, spinal injuries, progressive neurological conditions, oncological and haematological conditions, and orthopaedic and musculoskeletal disorders and injuries, including amputation, and visual impairment
- Confident and effective advocate
- Safeguarding/ Risk assessment
- Knowledge of statutory funding criteria

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2022 to date Expert witness Fiona Johnson Limited
- 2012 to 2022 Expert witness Harrison Associates
- 2013 to date First-Tier Tribunal member of the Social Entitlement Chamber and Mental Health Tribunal
- 2014 to date Fitness to Practise Tribunal Member for the HCPC
- 2013 to 2016 Subject matter expert to support delivery of the Integrated Care Strategic Vision across Hertfordshire
- 2012 to date Independent occupational therapist providing consultancy services to a variety of organisations and individuals
- 2009 to 2013 Team Manager for a Physical Disability Team in Hertfordshire
- 2000 to 2009 Occupational therapist in NHS and local authority settings

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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