

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Occupational Therapist
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PROFILE

An HCPC-registered Occupational Therapist with extensive experience in clinical, academic, leadership, and managerial roles within the NHS and university sectors. Since qualifying in 1985, she has worked across multiple specialties, delivering assessment and rehabilitation services to children, young people, and adults impacted by trauma, disability, illness, as well as those requiring end-of-life care across a range of settings.

A skilled NHS Service Manager and budget holder, responsible for overseeing more than 90 staff across medical, nursing, administrative, and therapy teams, within hospital inpatient, outpatient, and community services. She has contributed to research and publications, delivered lectures internationally, and holds an MA in Independent Practice (Health). She has also received exemplary ratings in an NHS Leadership Academy 360° assessment.

Experienced in providing recommendations for care needs in community, private, statutory and third-sector settings, advising on carer to client ratio, care planning and provision, environmental needs, primary carer needs, moving and handling and risk management.

Confident in litigation case conferences and joint discussions and accepts instructions for Loss of Service part 35 compliant reports, and advisory reports. She has been appointed to the clinical board and training and mentorship team at Fiona Johnson LTD. Additionally, she supervises a Consultant OT in the special educational needs sector.

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
- Report writing
- Risk Assessment
- Care needs assessment
- CPR Part 35 Expert Witness Legal Training
- Specialist equipment needs
- Environmental assessment and adaptations
- 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

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020 – Date Fiona Johnson Limited, Expert Witness
 2013 – 2020 Service Manager Specialist Children’s Services/ Professional Lead Occupational Therapy 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/ neurosurgery and neuro rehabilitation, surgical and medical inpatient settings

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- British Association of Occupational Therapists
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Member of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists