

**CURRICULUM VITAE
MONIQUE POTTER
Occupational Therapist BSc (Hons)
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PROFILE

Monique has worked as a Registered Occupational Therapist for 11 years. She has been a Senior Therapist since 2017, currently in practice within the NHS. Monique has extensive experience in effectively managing a caseload of children and young people (CYP) with a spectrum of complex health and social care needs in a range of clinical, educational and domiciliary settings.

Throughout her career, Monique has assessed, recommended, and overseen rehabilitation, support, and equipment provision for young adult and paediatric clients with a vast range of conditions, including; Autism Spectrum Disorder, cognitive impairment, learning disability, birthing injuries including Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia, Erb’s Palsy, epilepsy, rare genetic disorders, traumatic brain injuries acquired at birth, upper and lower limb orthopaedic injuries.

Monique has facilitated hospital discharges; supporting with care, recommendations and treatment that supports rehabilitation, engagement and participation. She has worked in a social care capacity, undertaking functional assessments to provide equipment and adaptation recommendations, both for standard household equipment promoting independence and function, and for bespoke equipment that facilitate postural management and significant housing adaptations for individuals with complex health needs.

Within her clinical practice, Monique is adept at producing thorough and detailed reports that fulfil a variety of needs. She often produces reports for Education, Health and Care Plans; conducting holistic assessments and writing clear reports to communicate functional objectives. Monique has attended a tribunal and has given evidence at a hearing where the educational placement of a child was being contested; robustly presenting recommendations and assessment findings.

Monique accepts instructions from Claimant and Defendant firms to undertake care and Occupational Therapy reports. She has undergone detailed in-house medico-legal training and has been mentored by experienced expert witnesses at Fiona Johnson Limited. As an expert witness, Monique has been instructed in desktop advisory, and in CPR Part 35 cases involving complex requirements; including claims related to pre-existent need and assessing the difference in presentation, and adult brain injury claims and the resultant complex multi-faceted presentation.

RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy

RELEVANT SPECIALISMS

- Experience working with CYP 0-18 including those individuals transitioning into adult services.
- Experience working with individuals with complex health needs including movement disorders, orthopaedic injury, brain injury, palliative care sensory processing difficulties.

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Dedicated and highly motivated practitioner.
- Effective and adaptable communicator.
- Writing comprehensive reports for a variety of purposes.
- Risk assessment and safeguarding.
- Goal Setting with CYP and their families/ carers.
- Knowledge of equipment (both universal and bespoke) and adaptations.
- CPR Part 35 Expert Witness Legal Training.
- Assessing, recommending and implementing intervention packages.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2024 – Date	Expert Witness, Fiona Johnson Ltd.
2020 – Date	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist
2017 – 2020	Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist
2015 – 2017	Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust – Paediatric Occupational Therapist

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)