



Life Changing Rehabilitation

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PERSONAL AND CAREER JOURNEY

Gail began her career as an Occupational Therapist in 1999 after graduating from Glasgow Caledonian University and spent 3 years across central Scotland before working as Specialist Occupational Therapist within South Lanarkshire.

During her time in South Lanarkshire, Gail was responsible for the design and establishment of community rehabilitation services for clients with traumatic brain injury. She was also instrumental in the development of the vibrant Headway South Lanarkshire support service and successfully obtained funding for this service through various funding streams to provide residential activity holidays for service users and to employ a service coordinator.

In 2008/2009, Gail undertook a Post Graduate Certificate in Brain Injury Rehabilitation through Queen Margaret University and the Scottish Neurorehabilitation Service at Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh. This allowed her to add further to her existing treatment skills before then moving to the North East of England and joining the Neural Pathways team.

Gail has a specific interest in the rehabilitation of clients with severe challenging behaviours and vocational rehabilitation and has experience of working with adults and children.

KEY SKILLS

Management Skills

- Ability to effectively inspire inter-professional teams in the use of innovative practise
- Transparent communicator with a reputation for integrity and client centered representations
- Advanced project management and implementation skills

Specific clinical interests and expertise

- Management and rehabilitation of behaviours that challenge
- Rehabilitation and management of cognitive deficits in the community setting
- Self-management for people with progressive neurological conditions
- High level rehabilitation for clients diagnosed with mild to moderate injuries
- Dual diagnosis of brain and spinal injury and the combined rehabilitation for these conditions
- Technology assisted rehabilitation for people with Locked-in Syndrome
- Physical and functional management of severe and complex physical deficits
- Paediatric traumatic brain injury rehabilitation

Other professional skills

- The use of outcome measurement in neurological rehabilitation
- Designing and delivering skills based training courses
- Mentorship and motivational support
- Clinical development and competency based training
- Hydrotherapy and swimming as a leisure activity

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND MEMBERSHIPS

Part of the National Managed Clinical Network in Scotland producing standards of care for acquired and traumatic brain injury (2006-2008)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

BSc Occupational Therapy

Glasgow Caledonian University, 1996 – 1999

Post Graduate Certificate in Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Queen Margaret University, 2008 – 2009

Health and Care Professions Council - current membership

British Association of Occupational Therapists - current membership