



Life Changing Rehabilitation

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Following the completion of my degree in 2008 I developed an in-depth interest in neurology in all age groups. I enjoy working with adults and children with complex neurological conditions and working within the multidisciplinary team. I have a particular interest in working with children of all ages, both in their schools or at home, which I enjoy as the therapy has to be creative to engage the child. I have experience with both Brain and Spinal Cord Injury and a keen interest in Functional Electrical Stimulation and technology devices. I was a finalist in the Rehab First Award in the 'Outstanding Individual' category in 2015, and a finalist in the 'Rehabilitation Employee of the Year' category at the Claims Awards in 2018.

KEY SKILLS

Technical Skills

- Ability to carry out Assessment of Rehabilitation Potential
- Implementing specialist neuro-rehabilitation within the community and residential settings
- Devising and delivering individualised hydrotherapy programs
- Ability to assess and set-up programs for clients who may benefit from Functional Electrical Stimulation

Personal Skills

- Ability to build relationships within challenging circumstances
- Use of a range of media to support excellent communication within the multidisciplinary team and with external agencies
- A motivating, efficient and flexible approach with clients and families and cultural background.

CERTIFICATES AND MEMBERSHIP

- MASCIP
- Introduction to Bobath course
- Addressing Scapula Dyskinesis to Integrate Postural Control and Upper Limb Function – 1 day BBTA/Northern ACPIN workshop November 2017
- Management of Ataxia- 1 day course BBTA/Northern ACPIN June 2018
- Health Professionals Council
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- ACPIN- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Neurology and committee member- secretary

EDUCATION

- Physiotherapy 2:2
- Sports Massage Therapy Diploma
- Sports & Exercise Development 2:1

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Job Title: Clinical Operations Lead / Senior Neurological Physiotherapist

Company Name: Neural Pathways- Gateshead

Dates of Employment: November 2008

Established in 2004, Neural Pathways UK (Ltd) is an independent sector organisation specialising in the delivery of interdisciplinary rehabilitation for people with long term neurological conditions. We provide specialist therapy in the client's own home and community and within a number of residential rehabilitation centres across the north of England.

Key responsibilities:

- Carrying out specialist neuro physiotherapeutic assessments
- Coordinating enquiries, referrals and caseloads
- Devising and delivery appropriate treatment programs based on individuals' goals and needs
- Liaison with relevant organisations such as solicitors, case managers, NHS health care providers and social services as required
- Providing Line management and supervision for the Neuro Therapists (Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists)
- Peer support for other Team Leads within the company
- Part of the HQ Team – run to day to day operations in the North

PERSONAL INTERESTS

I enjoy socialising with my friends having meals out and spending time with my family especially with my niece and nephew. I have two cocker spaniel dogs, which I love spending time with going to the beach and woods.

I previously spent 6 years providing sports massage and Physiotherapy for the Newcastle basketball and ice hockey team but due to other commitments had to give this up.