

# HANNAH WILLIAMSON

I am a highly specialist Occupational Therapist who strives to provide the highest standard of assessment and treatment to clients. I have worked in the area of neurological rehabilitation for over 15 years.

I have excellent communication skills and am able to build rapport and trust with both clients and their families. I am hard working, trustworthy and passionate about my job.

## Areas of Expertise

- Complex neurological rehabilitation
  - Upper limb rehabilitation
- Sensory Modality Assessment and Rehabilitation Technique (SMART)
  - Disorders of consciousness
- Cognitive and perceptual assessment and treatment
  - Thermoplastic splinting
- Presentation and teaching
  - Team leadership
  - Clinical supervision
  - Working within a team

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### Highly specialist occupational therapist 2011- Present

Access to Rehab private practice co-founded

- Working with clients with neurological impairment within their own homes and communities. Liaising with case managers and other professionals.

### Highly specialist occupational therapist September 2003- Present

Oxford Universities Hospitals NHS Trust

- Highly specialist occupational therapist, The Oxford Centre for Enablement, Oxford. Working with in and out patients who require neurological assessment and rehabilitation. Assessing and treating individuals with highly complex and specialist needs (physical and cognitive), including those with disorders of consciousness. Supporting and supervising junior members of the team. Working within an interdisciplinary team.

### Senior Occupational Therapist (Band 7), Inpatient Lead November 2002-Sept 2003

Rayners Hedge Rehabilitation Centre, Aylesbury

- Providing assessment and treatment to individuals with a range of neurological difficulties. Liaising with external agencies to ensure safe discharges back into the community. Providing follow-up rehabilitation in the community. Assisting in the re-opening of inpatient beds and providing intensive out patient rehabilitation prior to this.

### Senior Occupational Therapist (Band 7) January 2002 to Nov 2002

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

- Setting up Occupational Therapy Service to new acute stroke unit. Assisting in the development and opening of the acute stroke unit. Setting up Occupational Therapy service to the unit and making a case for more therapy staff. Assessment and early treatment of individuals who had suffered a stroke. Providing education and support to patients and their families. Discharging back into the community or assessing for need of further rehabilitation.

### Senior Occupational Therapist, Neurological Rehabilitation rotational post November 1999 to Jan 2002

Rivermead Rehabilitation Centre

- Assessment and treatment of individuals with complex neurological disability. Working on a rotational post of inpatients, outpatients and leisure service.

### Senior Occupational Therapist March 1999 to Nov 1999

Ritchie Russell House (now Continuing Disability Management Service), Oxford

- Assessing and treating individuals with severe neurological disability. Long term management of conditions which were often deteriorating.

### **Rotational Basic Grade Post**

Sep 1997 to Mar 1999

Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust.

- Experience in areas of stroke rehabilitation, acute general medicine and orthopaedics.

### **KEY SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- Highly effective communicator
- Excellent teaching and presentation skills.
- Assisted in development of upper limb rehabilitation tools and techniques.
- Regularly teach on upper limb rehabilitation course.
- Advanced assessor in the use of the Sensory Modality Assessment and Rehabilitation Technique (SMART). Talk given at ACPIN.
- Plan and carry out daily intervention strategies for individuals with a wide variety of impairments
- 24 hour Posture management
- Saeboflex trained
- Clear knowledge and understanding of how neurological impairment can effect everyday living and function.
- Ability to provide clarity from highly complex difficult situations.
- Use of goal planning approach to guide rehabilitation
- Skilled in thermoplastic splinting
- Clinical supervision and training of other qualified and non-qualified staff
- Member of specialist interest groups Specialist Section Neurological Practice, Specialist Section Independent Practice
- Knowledge and use of standardised assessments and their interpretation

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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1994-1997 - Oxford Brookes University. BSc(Hons) Occupational Therapy 2:1

British Association of Occupational Therapists BT0213123

Health and Care Professions Council OT27991

Specialist Section Neurological Practice N7166

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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