



## Professional Summary

Ann is an occupational therapist with 23 years of experience. Since 2008, within her NHS role she specialised in neurological rehabilitation, providing treatment to adults with newly acquired disabilities. She worked with patients with enteral feeding needs, complex movement disorders and severe physical, cognitive and communication impairments. Preceding this, Ann obtained a broad range experience, spanning physical rehabilitation, dementia care, adult mental health services, trauma & orthopaedics (including amputees), general medicine & surgery, outpatient neurology services, palliative care and learning disabilities. Ann has extensive experience supporting individuals and their families to make difficult decisions, considering mental capacity and best interest issues.

As a case manager, Ann manages the coordination and delivery of rehabilitation packages for clients with a wide range of needs, including those who have sustained brain injuries, amputation and other complex orthopaedic injuries. She is familiar working with people who have sustained psychological trauma and understands the impact of this upon a person's ability to progress. As an Expert Witness for Harrison Associates, Ann leverages her wealth of expertise to provide impartial, thorough, and authoritative reports. Ann ensures her work is always informed by the latest evolutions in her field via attending a wide variety of conferences and courses. Ann is fully trained in Civil Procedure Rules including relevant revisions as they arise.

## Specialisms

- Complex Physical Disability
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Progressive Neurological Conditions
- Peripheral Nerve Conditions & Injuries
- Orthopaedics
- General Medical Conditions
- Cognitive impairment
- Mental Health
- Palliative Care

## Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
- MSc Module Cognitive Processing

## Career History

### Case Manager

**2017 - Present**

- Coordinates and implements evidence-based rehabilitation programmes for clients with complex needs including brain injury and polytrauma.
- Sets up and manages support packages for clients with a wide range of needs.

### Occupational Therapist Independent

**2021 - Present**

- Provides occupational therapy to individuals with range of physical and cognitive disabilities.
- The includes the assessment and provision of assistive equipment and the procurement of modified vehicles.

### Lead Senior Occupational Therapist Chesterfield Royal Hospital

**2011 - 2017**

- Managed a large team of staff in delivering an occupational therapy service to the stroke unit and to patients with a wide range of neurological and complex conditions, including traumatic brain injury with orthopedic injuries.



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## Career History Continued

- Implemented a seven-day occupational therapy service. Achieved an A Grade in the Stroke Sentinel National Audit Programme.
- Set up a multidisciplinary outreach team to support individuals at home following discharge from hospital.
- Provided training to carers on the provision of community rehabilitation.
- Reviewed care packages alongside social services.
- Led an initiative to introduce single handed care techniques to carers, utilising innovative equipment and methodologies.

### **Senior Occupational Therapist Chesterfield Royal Hospital**

**2008 - 2011**

- Assisted in managing the integration of acute and rehabilitation stroke services in North Derbyshire.
- Developed a tool to aid the assessment of insight following an acquired brain injury.
- Caseload included individuals with enteral feeding needs, limited communication, and severely reduced cognitive abilities, as well as patients with more subtle cognitive and physical difficulties.

### **Senior Occupational Therapist Chesterfield Royal Hospital**

**2003 - 2008**

- Managed a caseload of patients across medical, surgical, and neurological specialities.
- Treated patients in neurology outpatient service

### **Occupational Therapist East Hull Community Learning Disability Team**

**2002 - 2003**

- Tailored community independent living plans for service users and their carers.
- Undertook training on postural management for individuals with complex physical disabilities.

### **Occupational Therapist (Trauma & Orthopaedics) Rotherham & Scunthorpe Hospitals**

**2001 - 2002**

### **Occupational Therapist West Middlesex Hospital (*Rotational Post*)**

**1999 – 2001**

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## Memberships

- Health & Care Professions Council
- British Association of Occupational Therapists
- British Association of Brain Injury & Complex Case Management

## Ages Covered

- Adults only