



Professional Experience

Judith is an accomplished Senior Occupational Therapist with three decades of experience spanning the NHS, social services and the independent sector. She is an expert in the assessment and treatment of adults and children with acquired brain injuries, spinal injuries, neurological conditions and complex amputations and fractures. She also acts as a Case Manager, supporting individuals to restore optimal health, wellbeing and professional capability following catastrophic injuries. Judith is the Director of rehabilitation company, Emerald Phoenix Ltd. Earlier in her career, Judith developed and led a community-based NHS service for acquired brain injury, complex neurological conditions, spinal injuries and neuro-palliative patients. Judith leverages her wealth of clinical expertise to provide comprehensive, detailed and evidence-based reports for both Claimants and Defendants. She is fully trained in Civil Procedure Rules and continually develops and expands her skills and expertise through a range of continuing professional development activities.

Specialisms

- Brain Injury
- Neurological Conditions
- Spinal Injury
- Amputations
- Fractures
- Catastrophic Injury
- Neuro-Palliative Care

Qualifications

- MSc Health Care Practice
 - PG Cert Adult Neurology
 - Dip COT
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Career History

Independent Practice

Consultant Occupational Therapist

2012 - Present

- Provides rehabilitation for adults and children with acquired brain injuries, spinal injuries, neurological conditions and complex amputations and fractures.
- Acts as a case manager for individuals following catastrophic injuries, including responsibility for coordinating care and rehabilitation packages, sourcing equipment and facilitating return to work.
- Selected from over 900 applicants to present at The International Brain Injury Association World Congress in 2012. Presented on integrated methods of ensuring those with brain injuries can live successfully in the community.
- Provides expert witness reports for the Court.

East Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist

2004 - 2012

- Established a community-based occupational therapy service for acquired brain injury patients.
- This involved receiving referrals for clients in local and national hospitals, undertaking assessments, leading occupational therapy provision and liaising with consultants and commissioning regarding future care and therapy.
- Reviewed current services and provided recommendations regarding areas for improvement.
- Developed the service to cover complex neurological conditions, spinal injury and neuro-palliative care.
- Undertake assessments for those placed in out of area placements to determine suitability.



Career History Continued

Priory Rehabilitation

Head Occupational Therapist

2000 - 2004

- Managed and developed the occupational therapy and social & recreational services within this national brain injury service for both adults and children.
- Provided rehabilitation for those with complex needs following traumatic injury.
- Undertook SMART© Assessments as a qualified assessor for those in low awareness states.

Calderdale NHS Trust

Senior Occupational Therapist (Neurology)

1998- 2000

- Held responsibility for the acute care of patients with neurological conditions and amputations.
- Provided rehabilitation in both hospital and community settings.

Airedale NHS Trust

Senior Occupational Therapist (Neurology)

1994 - 1998

- Led the assessment and treatment of clients with cognitive and perceptual difficulties.
- Supported the completion of the first UK pilot for Intermediate Care.
- Developed a community-based neurological service.

Burnley NHS Trust

Occupational Therapist (Rotation)

1992 - 1994

Memberships

- Heath & Care Professions Council
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- Case Management Society UK
- British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers
- Headway
- The Spinal Injuries Association

Ages Covered

- Adults & Paediatrics