
Professional Experience

Jill is accomplished neurological occupational therapist and senior healthcare leader with over three decades of experience across the NHS, independent, education and charity sectors. Jill is a nationally recognised clinical lead with extensive experience providing strategic leadership and operational leadership to multi-disciplinary teams and spearheading high-impact service development activities. She is a leader in her field, having delivered public speaking engagements at national and international conferences, developed higher education courses and conducted and published influential research over several decades. Throughout her career, Jill has worked with patients with a comprehensive range of highly complex neurological conditions and brain injuries, including the catastrophically injured.

As an Expert Witness for Harrison Associates, Jill leverages her wealth of clinical expertise to provide clear, impartial and objective reports for both Claimant and Defendant. She is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise, and undertakes a range of continuing professional development activities.

Specialisms

- Neurorehabilitation
- Brain Injury
- Neurological Conditions
- Clinical Leadership
- Catastrophic Injury
- Stroke

Qualifications

- Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice
- MSc Neurorehabilitation
- Diploma of the College of Occupational Therapists

Career History

Headway UK

Clinical Services Development Manager

2021 - Present

- Lead the design and delivery of community specialist brain injury services across the Northeast region, supporting over 100 individuals.
- Manage and continually develop relationships with local CCG commissioners, NHS colleagues and charity organisations.

North Star Therapy Services Ltd

Founder & Specialist Neurological Occupational Therapist

2021 - Present

- Provide specialist occupational therapy to individuals with complex neurological conditions
- Consultancy services for neurorehabilitation sector professions, including leading strategic realignment, senior management coaching and mentorship support to medicolegal companies.
- *Brunel University - Lecturer:* Module lead for two modules on the Neurorehabilitation Pathway, Advanced Clinical Practice Master of Science degree.



Career History Continued

Neural Pathways (Active Care Group) Clinical Director

2013 - 2021

- Held comprehensive strategic, operational and commercial leadership responsibility for a national neurological rehabilitation team, providing interdisciplinary therapy for catastrophic brain injury clients.
- Sat as an executive board member from 2018 - 2019.
- Managed the planning and delivery of impactful clinical excellence projects across 54 companies.

Northumbria University

Senior Lecturer (Allied Health Continuing Professional Development)

2011 - 2013

- Designed and developed accredited post-graduate education and learning methodologies for allied health professions.
- Completed a full workforce review across the Northeast, acting as Co-Chair of the Health Education Northeast Allied Health Professions Group.

Kingshealth.uk (Millfield Health & Media Ltd)

Director & Consultant Practitioner

2009 - 2010

National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery (Queen Square UCLH Trust) Therapy & Rehabilitation Services Manager

2004 - 2008

National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery (Queen Square UCLH Trust) Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist

2001 - 2004

The Royal Free NHS Foundation (Trust Regional Neurosciences Unit) Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist (Head III)

1998 - 2001

Regional Rehabilitation Unit (RRU), Northwick Park Hospital, London Senior I Neurological Occupational Therapist

1994 - 1998

Regional Neurological Rehabilitation Unit (Homerton Hospital) Senior II Neurological Occupational Therapist

1992 - 1993

St Bartholomew's Hospital (RNRU) (City & Hackney Trust) Rotational Basic Grade Occupational Therapist

1990 - 1992

Memberships

- Health & Care Professions Council
- British Association of Occupational Therapists
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- RCOT Specialist Section Neurological Practice
- RCOT Specialist Section Independent Practice

Ages Covered

- Adults only