



Professional Experience

Claudia is a senior occupational therapist with over a decade of experience within the NHS. She also brings knowledge and experience working as an expert witness. She brings specialist expertise in neurology, frailty, elderly care, emergency medicine, palliative care and hand therapy. Claudia has been involved in many equipment evaluations and provides oversight to ensure compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements. She also possesses knowledge of infection control, information governance, basic life support, safeguarding of vulnerable adults & children and manual handling training.

Throughout her career, Claudia has completed holistic assessments and produced clinical reports outlining assessments, interventions and proposed plans. She is full trained in Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise. Claudia diligently maintains her professional development, engaging in regular external training, recently including Accora Riser Recliner Chair Training, Wheelchair Prescribers' Course and Wound Assessment.

Specialisms

- Neurological Conditions
- Brain Injury
- Frailty
- Elderly Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Specialist Equipment
- Palliative Care
- Hand Therapy
- Respiratory Medicine
- Moving & Handling
- Home Adaptions

Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Career History

OT Enhancement Therapy LTD

Director and Independent Occupational Therapist

2023 - Present

- Completes assessments evaluating motor skills, muscle strength, range of movement, and posture. The individual's environment, equipment and medical needs are taken into consideration to recommend the best rehabilitation interventions.
- Completes interventions including therapy sessions, self- guided activities, strategies for managing pain, fatigue and equipment recommendations.
- Monitors progress and makes adjustments until the desired outcome is achieved.
- Offers a variety of options, from basic to higher quality equipment, with potential for customised solutions.

Harrison Associates

Occupational Therapy Expert Witness Associate (self-employed)

2022 - Present

- Complete comprehensive holistic assessments, responsible for providing independent detailed care and occupational therapy reports.
- Source fair and reasonable costs for individual current and future needs.



East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
Senior Occupational Therapist

2014 - 2023

- Member of the Neurological Outpatients team, responsible for leading post Intensive Care Unit rehabilitation, discharge planning, complex interdisciplinary therapeutic interventions and providing education, advise and support regarding the management long-term chronic conditions in the home.
- Specialist equipment provision, guidance on moving & handling and conducting home visits to determine patients' needs and make minor adaptations.
- Worked on two patient inpatient wards specific to COVID and respiratory medicine.
- Established and managed a high-performing frailty service. This included triaging to outside agencies and community services and collaborating with various hospital-based services, including A&E.

East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
Rotational Occupational Therapist

2011 - 2014

- Completed home visits to assess equipment needs of surgical and orthopaedic patients for discharge, including ramps.
- Assessed and ordered wheelchairs and attachments for amputee patients.
- Managed two busy elderly care wards with a total of 42 patients.

Memberships

- Individual Member of the Expert Witness Institute
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section Independent Practice

Ages Covered

- Adults only