## Vikki Sturgess Expert Witness Northants



## **Professional Experience**

Vikki is an accomplished Occupational Therapist with almost two decades of experience in managing the assessment and treatment of individuals with acquired brain injury and complex needs arising from physical and cognitive impairments. This includes 16 years of case management experience, working with adults and children with brain injury, spinal injury, cerebral palsy and neurological conditions. She is equipped with a comprehensive knowledge of relevant assessments, therapeutic interventions, goal setting, rehabilitation and risk management. Vikki has extensive experience driving optimal standards of service quality and efficiency via effective clinical leadership, training and supervision. She is also experienced in managing domiciliary care services. Vikki is fully trained in Civil Procedure Rules and continually expands her skills and expertise through a range of CPD activities. She is adept in producing rigorous, impartial and evidence-based reports.

## **Specialisms**

- Brain Injury
- Neurological Conditions
- Spinal Injury
- Cerebral Palsy
- Clinical Leadership
- Case Management
- Domiciliary Care
- Manual Handling

## Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
- Post Graduate Certificate in Education

## **Career History**

#### J E Jackson Ltd Brain Injury Case Manager

#### 2013 - Present

- Manage the end-to-end assessment and treatment of adults and children with brain injury, spinal injury, cerebral palsy and neurological conditions.
- Responsibilities include composing reports for pre- and post-litigation cases, collaborating with legal and medical professionals, identifying and implementing client-specific goals and facilitating regular multidisciplinary team (MDT) reviews to ensure effective intervention and outcomes for clients.
- Accountable for staff training, supervision and recruitment, including supervising other case managers.
- Collaborate closely with therapists, legal teams, expert witnesses, funding authorities and medical professionals within the public and private sector.

#### Independent Case Management Ltd Brain Injury Case Manager

- Completed assessments for a small case load of clients with brain injury and complex needs.
- Worked with the client and the multi-disciplinary team to establish client-centered goals and explore vocational opportunities
- Managed communications with family members to provide support and education where appropriate.

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## **Career History Continued**

# Grafton ManorSenior Occupational Therapist (Brain Injury Services, Partnerships in Care)2005 - 2007

- Led the treatment of clients with complex brain injury and challenging behaviour, including accountability for assessment and the implementation and facilitation of care programmes.
- Supervised support staff and students training in Occupational Therapy.

St Andrews Hospital Occupational Therapist (Brain Injury Services)	2004 - 2005
Greenwich Adult Mental Health Services Locum Occupational Therapist	2004
Northampton General Hospital Medical Secretary	2001 - 2003
Claremont Nursing Home Care Assistant	2000 - 2003

## **Memberships**

- Health and care Professions Council (HCPC)
- British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers
- British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT)

## **Ages Covered**

Adults & Children

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