

# Doug McQuillin

Expert Witness  
Occupational Therapist

Tyne and Wear



## Professional Background

Doug McQuillin brings over two decades of specialised expertise in Occupational Therapy with a profound focus on rehabilitation for acute clinical conditions and long-term management. His extensive experience spans working with orthopaedic injuries, including hip and knee replacements and spinal injuries, as well as traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and cerebral palsy (CP) in both adults and children. This diverse clinical background, particularly in managing transitions from hospital to community settings, positions him exceptionally well for detailed forensic evaluations necessary in expert witness consultations.

Over his career, Doug has adeptly managed complex cases involving patients across various life stages, from young children with CP to elderly patients managing the cumulative challenges of ageing and chronic conditions like dementia and Parkinson's disease. His comprehensive approach integrates physical rehabilitation with careful consideration of co-existing mental health issues such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, ensuring holistic patient care. Doug's skill in transitioning patients with significant injuries from acute care settings to home-based care, while adhering to stringent service specifications, underscores his capability to handle the intricacies of care coordination required in legal cases.

Doug's leadership extends beyond clinical practice into strategic care coordination, where he has been instrumental in forming discharge pathways that integrate multidisciplinary team inputs from psychiatrists to therapists and social workers. His innovative work includes the development of a Vocational Pathways Programme, which integrates clinical care with practical vocational opportunities, helping patients to reintegrate successfully into the community and workforce. This program demonstrates his commitment to patient rehabilitation and his ability to manage complex logistics and team dynamics effectively.

Doug's ongoing professional development is reflected in his commitment to continuing education and leadership within clinical settings. He regularly updates his skills through CPD sessions and supervisory roles, ensuring his practice remains at the forefront of Occupational Therapy. Doug recently authored an article published in OTnews, focusing on innovative and positive practices in vocational rehabilitation. His work highlights his ability to drive meaningful client outcomes through creative and evidence-based approaches. His recent recognition as a finalist for clinician of the year from a pool of 18,000 staff further underscores his dedication and impact in the field. Doug is fully trained in the Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise. He actively maintains his continuing professional development via a range of training opportunities.

## Specialisms

- Brain Injury
- Neurological conditions
- Sensory impairment
- Cerebral Palsy
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Amputations
- Mental health & learning disability
- Orthopaedic & MSK injuries, conditions
- Burns
- Pain Conditions
- Respiratory conditions

## Age group

- Adults
- CYP



## Career history

- Band 7 Advanced Occupational Therapist  
CNTW NHS TRUST-Morpeth  
May 2022 to Present
- Locum Occupational Therapist  
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust  
October 2021 to May 2022
- Band7/Lead Practitioner/ Occupational Therapist  
Northern Counties School, Percy Hedley Foundation  
May 2019 to October 2021
- Band 6 Community (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
South Tyneside Community Paediatric Team  
January 2019 to May 2019
- Band 7 Full-time Occupational Therapist  
Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
March 2018 to January 2019
- Band 6 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
May 2017 to March 2018
- Full-time Fire-fighter  
Nottingham/Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service  
December 2009 to March 2018
- Band 6 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
CNTW NHS Foundation Trust  
October 2016 to February 2017
- Band 6 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
April 2016 to October 2016
- Band 6 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
October 2015 to April 2016
- Band 6 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
January 2015 to July 2015
- Various Placements, Band 6&7 (Locum) Occupational Therapist  
2012 to January 2015
- Band 6 (Full-time) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
April 2005 to October 2006
- Band 5 (Basic Grade/Full-time) Occupational Therapist  
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust  
January 2003 to April 2005

## Qualifications

- Master's degree in Psychology  
University of Northumbria, 2002
- PGDip in Occupational Therapy in Healthcare  
Queen Margaret University College - Edinburgh, 2002
- BSc (Hons) in Biology of Plants and Animals  
University of Newcastle upon Tyne

## Professional Memberships

- HCPC
- BAOT
- RCOT

